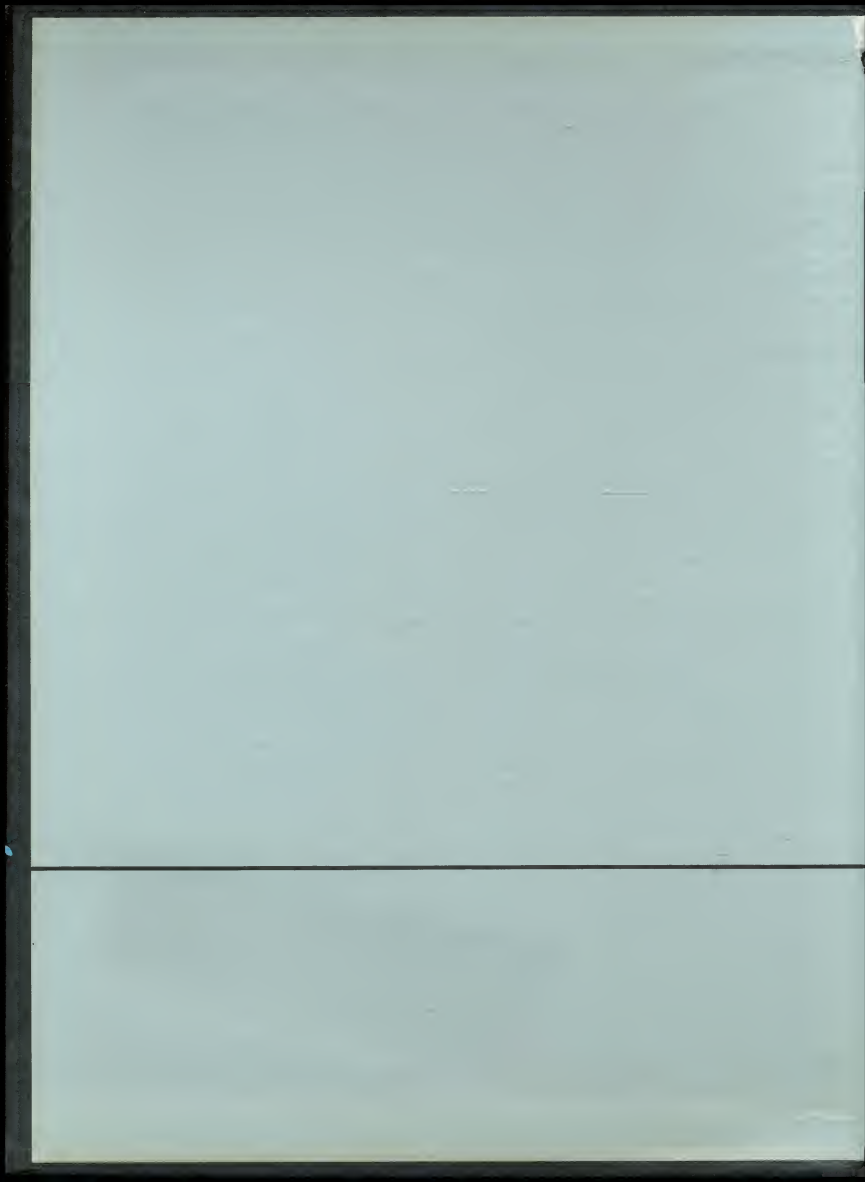


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SPRIT

It's All Here!

On August 30, 1984, the year began with a burst of excitement. Students came to MHS seeking a new, fun-filled school year.

Students gossiped, rushed to their lockers, talked, dropped books, passed notes and still managed to make it to their next class in six minutes.

It's all here. And all 1,442 students knew it.

They wanted fun and excitement, and they knew where to find it.

MHS offers the right kind of curriculum, athletics, clubs and activities.

"I think that the curriculum at MHS is perfect for everyone," commented

Suzu Maddack, sophomore.

Excitement of new and old clubs kept many students busy before, during and after school.

Also, classrooms were filled with busy chattering students. Many students seemed to be looking forward to a future with college or a career.

"Almost everyone has made a booming effort to do better this year," added Kristi Wright, junior.





Working hard on an English paper, Karen Pearson, Junior, finishes by adding a few corrections. English classes at Merrillville are required for admissions to colleges.

Students gather together at lunch to talk about their day. The variety of cafeteria food satisfies the tastes of everyone.

Representing their club, Student Council members, participate in the 4th of July parade. The parade began at Pruzin Funeral Home and ended at MHS.

The MHS defense lines up against the Hobart Brickies. The Pirates ended their season with a 7-3 record.



Dancing together at the "Back to School Dance" is Lynn Huddleston, senior, and Don Rogers, junior. The first dance of the year was sponsored by the Senior Class.

Putting the ball, Jennifer Elbel, senior, makes the winning shot. Jennifer was captain of the girls golf team for the 1984 season and qualified for state.



ACTION

It's All Here!



Weeks flew by with places to go, things to do and people to see.

Rocking, rolling and be-bopping were favorite pastime activities for students at school dances, GOYAs and at the new teenage nightclub, Club Soda.

In addition to dancing, making friends is another popular pastime.

"I think that it's easier to make friends at MHS because people are so friendly here," said Norman Smith, senior.

Another thing students love to do is go to parties. Fun and excitement can be found at a party, whether it's a toga, a costume, or just a get together with old and new friends.

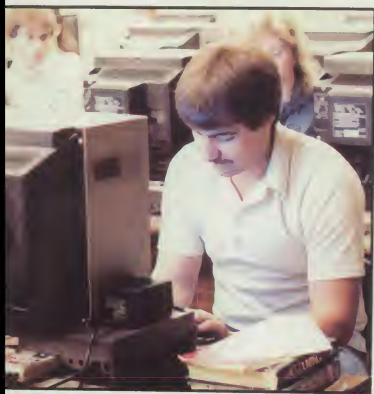
"I like to go to parties to be with my friends and to listen to some great music," added Joe Dowd, sophomore.

But some students even enjoy a quiet time alone.

"Sometimes I'll be studying in class and the next thing I know, I'm thinking about what happened over the weekend," said Lynda Schutz, senior.

There was never a dull moment.

MHS: *It's All Here!*



Students await their school buses after a long day of school. The first day of school is always a day of excitement for everyone.

Concentrating on his program, John Sekuloski, junior, types on his computer. Computer programming classes were popular at MHS.

EVENTS

It's All Here!

MHS had it all in '85.

The winning tradition started with the beginning of school and changes for the better took place.

After two months of school, students were informed of the undercover officer that was placed in MHS as a student as part of a drug investigation.

The results of the investigation caused MHS to close it's campus at lunch.

"The closed campus policy seemed to upset a lot of people at first, but we all knew that it was for the better," stated Tim O'Shea, junior.

The winning tradition continued through Homecoming Week with the "Battle of Broadway".

Mike Shayotovich, senior, stated, "The spirit this year was great. The team really fired up at the community pep session!"

Clubs were winners, too.

"Being in a club gives you something to do if you're bored after school and have nothing to do," stated Karen Ector, senior.

The winning year ended with graduation. Seniors waited anxiously all year for the time they've longed for: graduation.

Cheryl Graeber, Senior Class president, commented, "Our class has gone through a lot together, and we're all pretty close. I know we all can't wait to graduate and go our separate ways."

Everything MHS students did proved that we were winners.

Academics, Sports, Activities. It's all here!





Homecoming week was packed with activities for everyone to enjoy. The Senior Class shows their spirit during the powder puff game.

One of the best parts of the Halloween dance is the mystery of who is behind the masks. Nancy Lafoone and Laury Smith, Juniors, (Charlie Brown and Lucy) await the results of the contest for best costume.



Child development helps students learn how children grow. Robin Kendron, senior, helps Chrissy Cunningham color her drawing at the Halloween Party.

Performing the National Anthem before the first home football game. Jason Milkulka, junior, reads the notes and plays his mellophone.

"I did a little bit of everything over the summer."

— Mike Gurgevich,
Senior



At Sophomore Orientation, Rocky Sebastian, sophomore, gets his first taste of MHS "cuisine." After a long summer, the sophomores were ready for their first year of high school.



Over the summer, Robin Benson, senior, worked as a lifeguard at the MHS pool. Many MHS students found the pool an alternative to going to the beach.



On a hot summer day, Coach Tom Zembala takes Mike Randall, Junior, Chris Ward, sophomore, Ray Jaksic, sophomore and Jim Gavelek, senior, through a defensive drill. The Pirate Varsity team finished with a 7-3 season.

During the summer, Rusty Ippolito, Junior, watches over a booth at the Greek Festival. The fest was one of the highlights of the summer for many MHS students.



SUMMER

Friends and fun in the hot SUN

After nine months of school, MHS students could hardly wait for summer vacation.

Most students left to go out for the evening at 7:30 p.m. And, they were home at their usual curfew, 12 a.m.

"I did a little bit of everything during the summer," stated Mike Gurgevich, senior.

Some traveled to West Beach to work on their tans and to have a good time.

"The beach was great because it was nice to relax in the sun and mess around with my friends at the same time," said Katie Lear, junior.

Brent Isenberg, junior, went to the beach to meet new people and to have fun.

Also, MHS students went to the Greek, Italian, Serbian, St. Andrew's and St. Stephen's festivals.

"I had a good time at the festivals because I was with my friends," commented Greg Thompson, sophomore.

Summer festivals gave students something new to do. But, many students just relaxed on their vacation.

"I mostly relaxed over the summer because I did not during the school year," added Isenberg.

Other students did more than relax during their vacation.

"Over the summer, I had to go to driver's education" said Lee Spiroff, sophomore.

All in all, most MHS students had a fun summer.

"It should have been longer because there was not enough time to do anything, but it was still fun," said Spiroff.

"I thought it was fun at the beginning because I did something different every night, but toward the end, it got boring because there was nothing left to do," commented Gurgevich.

However, MHS students will have another long school year before they experience another summer vacation.

— Tina Carrigan



The MHS Pom Pons and the Flag Corps members, led by Michelle Traber and Laurie Shinovits, juniors, marched in the Fourth of July Parade.

It was not just another Monday. It was the beginning of Spirit Week, and that meant "Inside-out Day".

To many students, Spirit Week can show a form of unity among the classes. Angie Rzetely, junior, commented, "I think Spirit Week displays how much spirit the classes really have."

The days were selected by the Student Council, and unlike the past years, they were different. Karen Kirksey, Student Council president, commented, "We thought we needed a change from the traditional days, and I was glad to see that everyone enjoyed participating."

Breaking tradition, MHS was not able to have a pep session during the school day, but with the help of Tom Herbert, assistant principal, the MHS had a pep session before the powder puff games.

Matt Naspinski, senior, was named Mr. Football 1984, and the enthusiastic seniors won the spirit stick.

Buzzy Underwood, senior, stated, "It has never been hard for the class of '85 to be crazy".

The junior girls overpowered the sophomores in the first game by a score of 22-6. With determination they went on to upset the seniors with a painful 24-13 victory.

The day ended with the traditional bonfire, and for many students it can be an emotional time. Shelley Barkasi, senior, said, "It was really upsetting knowing that it was our last homecoming and I think our loss made matters even worse."

— Marianne Berger

"Being Mr. Football was a nice way to close out my career."

— Matt Naspinski, Senior

A couple enjoy a quiet moment at the bonfire after the pep rally and the powder puff games. This was the first year the pep rally was held before the powder puff games.

On "Nerd Day" Sheri Sohacki and Bob Nicksic, juniors, let their real personalities come out. "Nerd Day" was the second day of Spirit Week.

Coach Frank O'Shea offers some words of praise to Matt Naspinski, senior, before naming him Mr. Football. Mr. Football is an honor voted on by the team members.



HOMECOMING

One week to capture Pirate spirit

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Inside-Out Day

Crazy Hairdo Day

Nerd Day

Shade Day
Parade
Pep Rally
Powder Puff games
Bonfire

Homecoming Game
Homecoming Queen
Mr. Football
"Almost Paradise" dance
Saturday



The senior powder puff team shows the parade crowd their team spirit. This spirit helped the seniors win the prized "Spirit Stick."

Jill Lamfalusi, sophomore, and her date enjoy a slowdance at the Student Council's Homecoming Dance, "Almost Paradise."

Stecy Plesha, senior, is escorted onto the football field by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Plesha. She was crowned Homecoming Queen at halftime of the Homecoming game.



The MHS cheerleaders cheer on the Pirate football team before the Homecoming Game. The "Battle of Broadway" proved victorious again for MHS.

MHS students cuddle with their dates at the Homecoming Dance. The dance was Saturday October 6 in the MHS cafeteria.



HOMEcoming

Tradition sets off mixed emotions



Homecoming weekend brought many mixed emotions. For the sophomores, it was a new experience. For the seniors, it was the last time.

The Pirates faced Andean for the emotional rivalry and Homecoming game. With the defense doing a superior job, the Pirates led the first half, 14-3.

Matt Naspinski, senior, said, "If it wasn't for the defense, the game might have been a lot closer."

The halftime activities proved just as emotional. Stecy Plesha, senior, was crowned Homecoming Queen. The court was made up of Julie Zale, Robin O'Deen, and Karen Kirksey, seniors.

After winning, Plesha commented, "It was an honor to be in the Homecoming court, and I was very surprised to win."

Also at halftime was the introduction of Mr. Football, Matt Naspinski.

Naspinski remarked, "Being Mr. Football was a nice way to close out my football career."

The second half of the game continued like the first half with the Pirates ahead. Mike Demakas, junior, caught a touchdown pass to make the final score 21-3.

After the game, Jeff Sopczak, co-captain of the team, said, "Our team really came together for the Andean game. We were preparing for Hobart."

Steve Michael, football player, remarked, "The seniors wanted to win their last homecoming game with a flair."

The next night was the Homecoming dance. The theme was "Almost Paradise" and the cafeteria was decorated with palm trees. Since it was the last Homecoming dance for the seniors, a lot of them attended.

"I had a good time at the Homecoming dance because I went with someone very special," stated Laura Vrtikapa, senior.

Nancy Kirk, senior, said, "My date and I had the best time ever at this dance. But, I still felt kind of sad about it being my last Homecoming Dance."

Although some seniors had somber thoughts, Homecoming left many good memories.

— Sharin Pigott

The Pirate defense successfully stops a fifty-nine runningback. While the offense scored 21 points sparked by Mike Demakas', junior, two touchdown passes.

HALLOWEEN

Creativity prompts 'tricks and treat'

Student Council picked Dave Herbert and Lou Castellani, seniors, for the best couple. After winning the award, they posed for a picture.

Showing off their new faces are Jeff Rice and Tammy Modrak, seniors. They appeared at the Oct. 25 dance.





Capturing all the ghosts at the Halloween Dance are Mark Lieber, senior and John Sekuloski, junior. They got this idea from the movie, "Ghostbusters."

Making sure she didn't commit any fouls, Shawn Vowell, senior, watches over Danielle Bradach, sophomore. However, Halloween moods were darkened at the dance because of low attendance.

Photos/T. Herbert

To most students it was just an ordinary dance, but to other students it was a time to "show off."

The students who went to the Halloween Dance were very creative in choosing their costumes.

"I went as Charlie Brown and Laury Smith went as Lucy," commented Nancy LaFoone, junior.

Also attending the dance was Gumby, Bill Daniel, junior, a gremlin, Bill Gornik; and the San Francisco Chicken, Scott Tuft, seniors.

Sponsoring the Oct. 25 dance was the Student Council. They gave eight awards, free cinema tickets, to MHS students who captured the spirit of Halloween.

Winning the award for best couple, Raggedy Ann and Andy, were Lou Castellani and Dave Herbert, seniors.

"It was fun winning the award because no one knew who we were," said Herbert.

However, low attendance at the dance seemed to darken the holiday mood.

According to Pat Mulloy, Student Council sponsor, only 280 tickets were sold.

"The dance could have been better if more people came," said Tammy Barkauskas, sophomore.

"I was going to go as Tom Selleck but I shaved off my mustache, so I couldn't go," added Pete Routsolias, senior.

Although the turnout was low, underclassmen look forward to the annual dance.

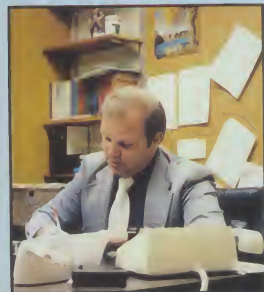
"I'm looking forward to the dance next year because it will be my last Halloween Dance," commented Chrissy Perez, junior.

— Tina Carrigan

"I was going to go as Tom Selleck but I shaved off my mustache so I couldn't go."

— Pete Routsolias, Senior

MHS welcomed seven new faculty members in 1984. Seated are Debra Read, foreign language, Lisa Selle, and Jackie Demaree, math. In the back row are Mark Seely, science, Mary Owens, social studies, James Wiltshire, math and Frank O'Shea, dean of students.



Frank O'Shea works on important papers. Mr. O'Shea began his first year at MHS as dean of students. He was also head football coach.

Grace Bovard, business teacher, helps Angela Rzetelny, junior, on her typing skills. Computer keyboards were used this year in some classes instead of typewriters.



CHANGES

MHS meets new policies, personnel

Students generally face many changes while in high school.

There is change that can be found in pockets, change of time and change of rules.

In 1984, MHS students found several changes. For example, the school day is 17 minutes longer than last year. As of July 1, 1984, the Indiana Department of Education made it mandatory that students attend school for six hours.

Paul Schuyler, principal, said, "If the time is used to increase the educational opportunities for the students than it is better for them."

Ron Maihofer, senior, said, "I really don't mind the change except I have to get up a half hour earlier."

Another rule passed this year stated that school assemblies can not take place during school. Lou Castellani, senior, said, "Not having pep rallies during school hurts the teams."

A definite change for the business department at MHS was teaching typing on key-

boards instead of typewriters.

Georgine Yandris, junior, said, "Keyboarding will benefit me in the future because it will help me finish my programs faster!"

Grace Bovard, business teacher, stated, "I feel that keyboarding is a survival kit, and it should be mandatory for graduation."

Also new is Frank O'Shea, the football coach. When not coaching, Mr. O'Shea is Dean of students at MHS. Mr. O'Shea commented, "I especially like the students here because they are friendly and self-disciplined."

Along with the change in a football coach there were many new faculty members. They are Jacquelyn Demaree, math teacher, Mark Seeley, science teacher, Lisa Ann Selle, math teacher, James Wiltshire, math teacher, Mark Owens, science teacher, and Debra Read, foreign language teacher. Miss Read said that she became a teacher because she loves to be involved in the learning process.

There was two sponsor changes in pom-poms and cheerleading. Carrie Johnson, a

1984 graduate of MHS, took over as the new pom-pom sponsor. Pat Smith, another new pom-pom sponsor, said that she took the job as sponsor because it was more of a challenge. Jacquelyn Demaree is the new cheerleading sponsor.

No matter what happens in high school, students will always have to face changes, especially those made in 1985.

— Amy Stooksbury

"Not having pep rallies during school hurts the team."

— Lou Castellani,
Senior



Kawick



Martin

Due to role changes, only educational programs could be presented during school hours. A Merrillville police officer talked to MHS physical education classes about alcoholism.

In '84-'85 the building trades class constructed a new office for athletic administrators. Tom Cameron, assistant athletic director, puts the finishing touches on some work.

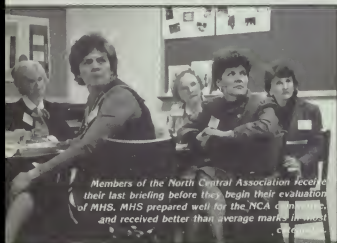
Janice Hughes and Beverly Ambrozak, business teachers, listen diligently to NCA evaluators after an acquaintance session.

Paul Schuyler, principal, speaks to the NCA members before they begin touring the school. MHS received high marks from the association on a fine learning environment.

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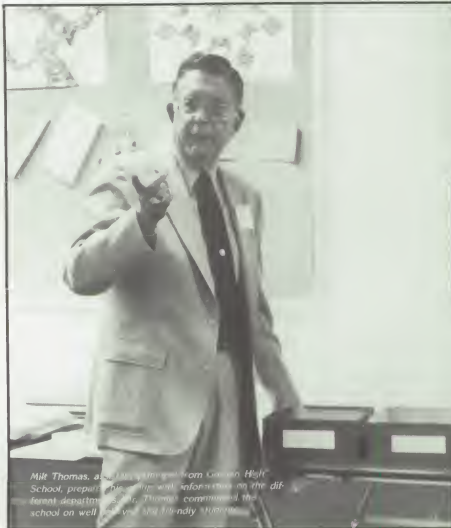


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"It is good for a school to be evaluated."

— Patrick Malloy,
Government Teacher



VISITATION

NCA visits MHS for complete evaluation

In 1984, MHS had to welcome into the school many things. Along with the addition of seven new faculty members, and a change in policy for seniors, MHS had to welcome the North Central Association.

The North Central Association is a committee of teachers and other school officials who travel to schools to evaluate their programs and learning environment. MHS was visited by a group that came from as far away as Kokomo, Indiana. Pat Mulloy, government teacher, commented, "It is good for a school to be evaluated."

The evaluation process does not begin when the NCA group enters the school. Instead, it begins a year earlier when special committees gather to overview their department. The committees are made up of depart-

ment heads and assorted teachers from other departments who ask questions about the program.

MHS received good marks from the evaluation committee. Milt Thomas, assistant principal from Goshen, Indiana was quoted as saying that the "students were friendly," and that there is a "good learning environment." He later stated that "the staff has done an excellent job of evaluating themselves."

Paul Schuyler, principal, commented, "This is a chance for faculty to view the community because we must look at certain things, such as, taxes and ethnic backgrounds."

Mr. Schuyler also stated that he feels MHS has gotten better since the last evaluation in 1977. Seven years is not a long time. One

year after the evaluation the school must file a followup program. And three years later another report is made, only adding progress made in each department. Mr. Schuyler concluded, "It is a way to keep up on your educational program."

MHS is not only evaluated. MHS has provided evaluation committees a number of people, of which, are Eleanor Lewis, art teacher, Tom Herbert, assistant principal, and Mr. Schuyler.

With the evaluation complete, MHS can prepare for the next visit in seven years. Carl Jimenez, Sophomore Class president, said, "I can understand why Merrillville received such high marks. This is a very good learning institution."

— Rich Dyman

Dan Moichan, physical education department chairman, explains to NCA members and other members of his staff, the basic principles outlining the physical education department at MHS.



Diana Stanton and Bill Wilkinson, sophomores, rehearse their lines for "Cheaper by the Dozen." The cast put in many hours of rehearsal for the Third Annual Sophomore/Junior Play.



Photos / Zawa

Sharing a moment alone, Leah Mehay and Mike Lester, sophomore, are unaware of the presence of David Yonker, sophomore. This was the first play at MHS.

Gathered in the dining room are Leah Mehay, Francine Harper, Jarred Riddle, sophomores, Sheryl Riddle, junior, and Bill Wilkinson, sophomore.



FALL PLAY

More for your money

For a few weeks in October and November, the cast of "Cheaper by the Dozen" seemed more at home in the 1920's than in 1984. Boys dressed in knickers and girls in calf-skimming skirts, this group of sophomores and juniors took the audience back to 1923 to the home of Mr. Gilbreth, a strict father who believes in "saving time and motion." Mr. Gilbreth tried to pass his ideas down to his twelve children, but to no avail, they all seem to go their separate ways.

"Cheaper by the Dozen" was the first play for the sophomores at MHS. Jill Stoner, sophomore, said, "I liked being in the play a lot. I felt like I was contributing something to the school instead of just sitting back and watching things happen."

"I learned what a group effort the plays here at MHS are," said Carl Jimenez, sophomore, "in the production, everyone is important."

The juniors involved in the play had nothing but praise for the sophomores and their acting skills.

Barb Hippie, junior, commented, "The sophomores performed very well. I really like the idea of having a Sophomore/Junior play, this way the sophomores will be acting with people who already have some experience."

All of the cast agreed that doing the play was a lot of fun and they all plan to be in future plays.

David Yonker, sophomore, said, "I enjoyed working with so many talented students, and while doing so, I made a lot of new friends."

Shirley Price, junior, added, "The best part of being in the play was the way everyone got along."

Jill Stoner, sophomore, summed up the feelings of the entire cast by saying, "I loved doing the play mostly because of the people who were involved. The best part was getting to know the cast and then sharing the excitement and nervousness before the play begins and the relief and depression when it was over."

— Kris Zimnawoda

"I felt like I was contributing something to the school instead of just sitting back and watching things happen."

Jill Stoner,
Sophomore

Digging through some old treasures are Jill Stoner, sophomore, and Tony Zaradich, junior. Many of the props used in the play were antiques donated by cast members.



"Cheaper by the Dozen" cast — Front row: Shirley Price, junior, David Yonker, sophomore, and Mike Rotheker, sophomore. Second Row: Carl Jimenez, sophomore, Bill Wilkinson, sophomore, Diana Stanton, sophomore, and Jared Riddle, sophomore. Back row: Bill McMollum, sophomore, Leah Mahay, sophomore, Sheryl Riddle, junior, and Kenny Moore, junior.

Michelle Traber, junior, and Mike Gurgevich, senior, share a romantic moment.

Angle Traficante and her date enjoy a glass of punch at the turnabout. The dance was sponsored by FEA.



Posing for photos proves to be a humorous situation for Elaine Zaronis, senior, and her date. Pictured were taken by John Golas Studio.

TURNABOUT

A dance to remember always

It was your chance girls. The annual turnabout dance was December 8. However, planning went on for weeks before.

Girls finally realized how hard it was to ask someone out. And, it wasn't as easy as the guys made it seem.

Karen Smolnick, senior, said, "It wasn't too hard to ask Jeff cause we'd been going out for so long."

For some couples, it was just another formal dance to be enjoyed like the others. To others, it was a whole new experience. Some girls asked guys who they had their eye on for months. While others asked guys "just as friends."

Yvonne Armenta, senior, said, "I decided to ask a guy from another school."

In addition, the question of "who pays?" came up a lot. Some girls felt, although they asked the guy, he should pay. Others felt strongly that this was one time they'd take the check.

Michelle Traber, junior, said, "This year I'm paying for everything except dinner."

— Sharin Pigott



Future Educators of America Front Row: Kim Pachapa, Penny Machnik, Chris Carlson. Back

Row: Mike Bondra, Dan Rose, Colleen McDermott, Tom Vlasic, Carol Teeter, sponsor.

Zawada



Spending a moment together are Joe Januz, junior and Shawn Cunningham, sophomore. The dance was on December 11 in the MHS cafeteria.

Jim Jones, senior, tries to get Elaine Wilk, sophomore on the dance floor. The dance floor was crowded because of the large turnout.

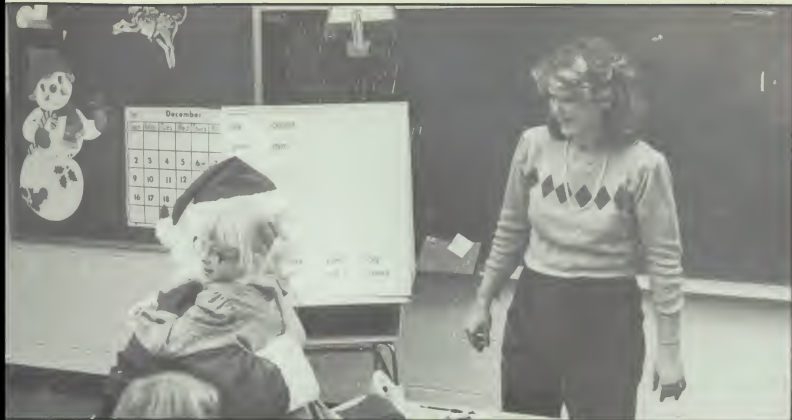
Decorating the Child Development class Christmas tree are Lillian Repar, Carri Broda, Barb Planojevic, Mary Santos and Cindy Bogard, seniors. The Child Development classes participated in many activities over the holidays.

Children visiting Santa is a common site at Christmas time. Santa talks with some children at a local shopping mall.

I had never seen
the ballet, the
Nutcracker before,
and I really
enjoyed it."

— Laura Kapitan,
French Club President





HOLIDAYS

It's Christmas at MHS!

December.
It brings to mind all sorts of things —
Skiing.
Snow days.
Christmas.

And the event that gets MHS students
through the first few months of school —
Christmas vacation.

MHS was filled with activity in the weeks
before Christmas vacation, with each club
planning special activities to celebrate the
holidays.

Student Council had its Annual Food Drive
to help the needy area people. Barb Hippie,
junior, said, "A lot of food was donated and
hopefully we helped to make someone's holiday
happier."

The Spanish, French and German Clubs all
contributed to the food drive. "It was a really
good feeling to know that I was helping some-
one who really needed the help," said Manny
Garcia, senior Spanish Club member.

The Child Development classes had a party
for the children who were brought to the
class, and they made crafts with them.
Christmas is really special when you see
what it means to the kids," stated Kim Win-
ter, senior, and a student in the Child Develop-

ment class.

Celebrating Christmas in a traditional way,
the French Club saw "The Nutcracker" at the
Arie Crown in Chicago. French Club presi-
dent, Laura Kapitan, senior, said, "I had never
seen the ballet before, and I really enjoyed it.
The whole club had a great time."

The Quest classes spent the weeks before
Christmas entertaining the grade school kids.
Quest students helped the children make
Christmas ornaments. Transformed into elves
with Paul Fiacable, senior, as Santa, they
helped the kids get ready for Christmas. "I
had a lot of fun entertaining the kids at Christ-
mas," said Lisa Primer, senior.

The holiday season found the Sunshine So-
ciety busier than ever. The group spent much
of its time at local nursing homes where mem-
bers sang Christmas carols and gave gifts to
the patients. "It's important not to forget the
older people at Christmas time. They really
enjoy it when we come to see them," said Lori
Equihua, Sunshine Society president.

While MHS was filled with students antici-
pating presents and holiday parties, MHS stu-
dents spent a little time thinking of others too.

— Kris Zimnawoda



Santa goes to school? No, it's Quest Club members
Paul Fiacable and Donna Dogan, seniors. Quest Club
visited local grade schools in the weeks before
Christmas.

Operation Pride member, Deanna Bachler, junior,
trims the office Christmas tree. Operation Pride
along with several other school groups decorated
MHS for the holidays.

PARENTS

Students seek support from their parents



Pat Armstrong, English teacher, shows papers to a concerned parent. Most parents think that the conferences are very important.

Jacquelyn Demaree, math teacher, points out grades to an interested parent. MHS has a Parent Advisory Board to involve parents in their teen's school life.



Max Hutchinson, math teacher, discusses a student's progress. Parents spent six to eight minutes with each teacher after picking up their child's report card.

Richard Hill, math teacher, talks to a MHS parent. Sixty-two percent of MHS parents participated in the conferences.



Most MHS parents are actively involved in their teen's school life.

MHS provides open houses, conferences and a Parent Advisory Board for the parents who want to display their support.

At the beginning of each school year, MHS has an Open House.

"This is to give the parents the opportunity to meet the teacher," said Paul Schuyler, principal.

In addition, Mr. Schuyler added that this opens the communication between the parents and the teachers.

At the Open House, the teachers discuss goals, plans and methods of the class.

"This is a chance to meet parents without a feeling of tension or the necessity of individual conferences," stated Jim Edgcomb, social studies teacher.

After the Open House, parents were encouraged to attend conferences on Nov. 14 and Nov. 16.

Parents spent approximately six to eight minutes with each teacher after picking up their child's report card for the first grading period.

"A really serious problem should be discussed by making a separate appointment with the teacher," added Mrs. Miner, a MHS parent.

Also, the Parent Advisory Board was set up for the parents who wanted to get more involved in school.

"This is an informal group for any parent who wishes to ask questions about the curriculum," said Mr. Schuyler.

Most parents attend the meetings because they like to know what's going on at school.

Parents also support their teens by attending athletic events.

"Athletics has taught our kids self-discipline. It's boosted their self-confidence and given them pride in themselves and in their school," concluded Mrs. Miner.

— Tina Carrigan

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— Mrs. Miner,
MHS Parent

DANCE

Students show Valentine's Day feelings



At the dance, students display their dancing skills. On Feb. 2, students attended the Valentine's Day celebration.



Sunshine Society — Front Row: Grace Bovard, sponsor, Sheila Yonker, Lori Equihua, Susan Scott, Kim Boatner. Second Row: Janet Schnick, Karol Krawczyk, Beth Jasinak. Third Row: Claudia Doerte,

Leanne Bell, Donna Zaitkos, Danette Guzman. Back Row: Renea Miller, Susan Spitz, Kathy Woods, Denine Bezick.



On Feb. 2, the Sunshine Society sponsored the annual Valentine's Day dance.

"This year's turnout wasn't as high as previous years, but we all had fun," commented Susan Spitz, senior Sunshine Club member.

At this dance, Laurie Funder and Greg Karas were picked as Queen and King.

"Right before they announced who were queen and king, Greg told my sister that we had a ten percent chance of winning and then they called our names," explained Funder, senior.

Although the dance turnout was low, MHS students found other ways to still celebrate Valentine's Day.

"I'll probably take my girlfriend out to dinner for Valentine's Day," commented Brian Singer, junior.

Valentine's Day is an enjoyable holiday for many students.

"I like Valentine's Day, because it's a day you can be with someone special," said Savo Micic, senior.

"I like Valentine's Day, because it's a day to express your true feelings to the one you love," added Michelle Traber, junior.

— Tina Carrigan

Greg Schuster and Robin Sanko, seniors, dance the night away at the annual Valentine's Day Dance. The turnout was low at this year's dance.

DIGEST

Getting home late: Is it worth it?

It's getting late and you wonder if you should start for home. "No", you say, "just ten more minutes and then I'll go."

Before you know it, that ten minutes has turned into a desperate attempt to explain to your parents why you're forty-five minutes late!

"I've used some pretty outrageous excuses, but they were all true," insisted Julie Fratzke, senior.

For some people excuses aren't even accepted.

"My curfew is 12:30. If I come in at 12:31, I might as well forget even seeing the outside world for a few days!" complained Shelley Barkasi, senior.

Some parents don't punish their children when they come home late. Are these the lucky ones?

"The first time I went to Homecoming, I didn't even get home until 2:30 a.m.. I got the silent treatment from my mom, and that's much worse than being grounded," said Karen Kirksey, senior.

Blind dates prove controversial

Blind dates aren't very popular at MHS. This is because most students don't trust their friends enough to set them up with dates.

"I wouldn't let any of my friends find a date for me," added Dave Herbert, senior.

Of the students who do go on blind dates, most are set up by brothers and sisters or friends. Most of the time, the people who do take a chance and go on a blind date find themselves in a long-term relationship.

"My sister and her boyfriend fixed me up with this guy," explained Robin O'Deen, senior, "I wasn't expecting to have a good time,

However some students have understanding parents who realize that cars get flat tires or that you have to make sure your friends get home safe, but there are some excuses that you just shouldn't use.

"Once, I told my mom that my watch has stopped. She double grounded me because I didn't even own a watch," explained Marco Perez, junior.

According to many students, parents are usually more lenient if you call home and let them know you're going to be late.

"I used to get in trouble all the time for coming home late," said Vivian O'Dor, junior. "Now my mom tells me that a simple phone call could save me from being grounded for a week."

Still, breaking curfew worries many students. Daved Gee, junior, said, "I always hate coming home past curfew. My dad stands at the door just waiting to ask me where I've been."

— Sherry D'Asto

but we did, in fact we dated for about three months."

Of course, there are some blind dates that lead to major disasters.

"I went on one blind date and the girl was a dog," commented Mark Flanagan, senior, "I will never do it again!"

On the whole, a blind date is an unforgettable experience.

"Kelly Kaurich set me up with a girl from Highland and I was pleasantly surprised," added Jay Anderson, senior, "we really had a good time."

— Sharin Piggott

MHS's Superbowl of Knowledge. Phil Pardus, senior, happily accepts his award in the Academic Decathlon. This is the second year MHS has been involved in this Decathlon.



Superbowl Sunday

It's Sunday night. Everyone is crowded around the T.V. The atmosphere is tense and anxious.

This is the one Sunday of the year that everyone stops what they are doing to watch what is perhaps the most popular event of the year ... the Superbowl.

Every family has a different way of celebrating Superbowl Sunday.

"Everyone in my family gets into the Superbowl. We eat a big dinner first, and then we go downstairs to watch the game," explained Neil Eubank, senior.

To others it is a more casual affair.

"I don't watch the Superbowl, but to my brother, it's the greatest day of the year, commented Allison Dakich, senior.

Perhaps it was the players, such as charismatic Joe Montana, quarterback for the 49er's, or record setting Dan Marino for the Dolphins, that drew attention to this year game.

Julie Fratzke, senior, stated, "I'm glad Montana's 49er's won, because their colors are nice and so is Montana!"

— Shawna Eber

Alcoholism — A major problem for many

"We are not bad people trying to get good, we are sick people trying to get well," explained an Alcoholics Anonymous member.

Nearly six percent of American adults and an untold number of teens suffer from a disease that can deteriorate every body organ and alter every physical function. Memory loss, loss of self-control and total personality metamorphosis are its symptoms.

It is responsible for half of all traffic deaths, one third of all suicides and ranks among cancer and mental illness as one of America's major social and health problems.

Alcoholism is a progressive and virtually uncontrollable illness that strikes all age groups and walks of life. "There is no typical alcoholic," explained Edna Gonzales, a counselor at St. Mary's Medical Center (SMCC) Alcoholism Treatment Program.

In fact, according to Tel-med, a health related information service sponsored by the Broadway Methodist Hospital in Merrillville, only five percent of alcoholics fit the well-known stereotype of a skid row bum.

An alcoholic is powerless over his use and abuse of alcohol because of his mental and physical condition. "We have a different

chemical make-up than most people," said one alcoholic. Although, scientific research has not conclusively proven this. "Alcohol affects us differently than it affects other people," he explained.

Physically evident danger signs of alcoholism, according to information from SMCC's Alcoholism Treatment Program, include increased tolerance to alcohol, frequent blackouts while drinking and physical deterioration due to the effect of alcohol on body organs. These symptoms are usually not experienced by social or non-alcoholic drinkers.

The disease also carries with it important factors. "I don't know if I was born an alcoholic, but I sure did have the personality to become one," said Pat, who calls alcoholism an allergy rather than a disease.

Mental factors that, along with the correct cultural background and physical factors, may indicate alcoholism are listed as "difficulty in dealing with and overcoming depression, anxiety and frustration" by SMCC.

These mental factors frequently lead the alcoholic to use liquor as a "magic potion," drinking to ease pain, fear or guilt. Pat calls this relief drinking. "I needed alcohol to live,"

she remembered, looking back after seven successful years of sobriety.

Relief from alcoholism, according to Tel-med, comes only from the alcoholic's willingness to stop drinking. An alcoholic must quit drinking and never drink again if he wishes to recover. Even after years of sobriety, if an alcoholic drinks again, his condition will be worse than ever before.

If you think you may have a drinking problem or know of someone who does, SMCC's Treatment Program, Alcoholics Anonymous, or the Alanon family group, a support group for family members of alcoholics, may be able to help.

SADD (Students Against Driving Drunk) was reestablished during the second semester with a new sponsor, Paul Schuyler, principal. Posters filled the hallways warning students not to let their friends drive drunk.

"SADD is primarily an awareness group which assists in helping students to say no to alcohol," added Mr. Schuyler.

— Denise Bezick, Tiffini Crownover

Was my face red! MHS's true confessions

Life is full of embarrassing moments, especially at MHS.

Many students are even too embarrassed to talk about it.

Bill Paige, senior, stated, "Things really don't embarrass me, but the closest I've come to embarrassment was getting suspended my sophomore year, then explaining why."

On the other hand, Karen Smolnick, senior, does get embarrassed very easily. "My most embarrassing moment was getting into an accident in the school parking lot, then watching people drive by, laughing," commented Smolnick.

Many other students have had their most embarrassing moment in the parking lot.

Karen Dudak, junior, added, "My most embarrassing moment was slipping on the ice in front of long line of cars."

Marianne Berger, senior stated, "My most embarrassing moment was my sophomore year when I fell down the stairs in front of a lot of people."

Pete Routsolias, senior, commented, "I don't think I've ever done anything to embarrass myself."

For those students who aren't as fortunate as Routsolias, the next embarrassing moment may be sooner than you think.

— Matt Naspinski



SADD Members — Front Row: Jackie Mohamon, Donna Zaikos, Cheryl Fossey, Heidi

Yonker. Back Row: Kristen Woljovich, Kim Pachapa, Karen Kostal, Mike Pearson.

Zawada

Waiver for senior's dismissal ignored

The senior's number one goal is graduation. With graduation comes a tradition for the seniors, which will not go into effect this year or any year thereafter.

This tradition is that the seniors are usually released from school two weeks prior to graduation. This is a privilege that the seniors have held for a long time. Every underclassman has always looked forward to their senior year for this reason.

Manny Garcia, senior, said, "It has been a tradition at MHS for many years for the seniors to get out of school two weeks before the underclassmen. I feel we are not being treated in a fair manner."

Andre Dubois, senior, added, "What we have not learned in the last twelve years, we will not learn in the last two weeks."

The seniors presented a petition to Paul Schuyler, principal, to get their well-deserved

early dismissal.

MHS could have used the waiver that they were granted, but the students did not prove that the two weeks were really needed. Therefore, the students were not let out early. The waiver was given by the Indiana Department of Public Education.

Many students think that these two weeks will be wasted.

Bill Paige, senior, said, "I cannot believe we have to be the first to suffer from this. I think most people will ditch, or just think of the two weeks as if we were out of school anyway, and not do any work."

Garcia added, "Everyone's mind will be on graduation and getting out of school."

"There is only one thing left to say," Dubois commented, "the students are being cheated."

— Deanna Reise

Student's name 1985 favorites

The 1985 "Student Survey" found MHS students to have a wide variety of tastes.

The favorite movies for 1985 were: 1. Beverly Hills Cop 2. Breakfast Club 3. Purple Rain. Other movies mentioned were Porky's Revenge, Revenge of the Nerds, Sure Thing, Footloose and Ghostbusters.

Favorite albums were as follows: 1. Bruce Springsteen (Born in the USA) 2. Prince (Purple Rain) 3. The Cars (Heartbeat City). Other favorites were The Time (What Time Is It?), U2, Van Halen (1984), and Chicago 17.

Although many students favored Burger King, McDonalds and White Castles, the "Classier" restaurants won. 1. Red Lobster 2. Casa Gallardo and Pepes (tied) 3. Gino's East in Chicago.

Favorite commercials of students this year were: 1. The Bud Light Commercial 2. The Miller Light Commercial and 3. The Wendy's

Commercial (Where's the Beef?). A few other favorites were the Dan Marino-Joe Montana Diet Pepsi Commercial, Trail Granola Bars (the little kids), "Snausages", and Huggies with "Rockin' Roger".

The all-time favorite comic strips for students were: 1. Family Circus 2. Marmaduke 3. Born Loser. Runner ups were Garfield, The Lockhorns and Funky Winkerbean.

Although some of you decided that football and baseball had your favorite sports "personalities," the rest of you decided on these: 1. Michael Jordan 2. Joe Montana and 3. Mary Lou Retton. Other favorites were Dr. J, Ron Kittle and Harry Carey.

T.V. favorites were: 1. The Bill Cosby Show 2. Miami Vice 3. Dynasty. Others include All My Children, Family Ties and Late Night with David Letterman.

Dieting again?

Sue, would you like dessert?" "No thanks, but I'm on a diet, again."

Dieting seems to be a major dilemma among MHS students.

As we all know, there is a right and a wrong way to diet.

Fad diets are becoming more and more popular all across the country. These diets range from diet pills to suppress your appetite to "lose while you sleep" diet aids.

Nadene Sever, senior, comments, "Diet pills raise your blood pressure and put on extra strain on your heart."

"I don't think drugs are a sensible way to lose weight," agreed Alex Stojanovski, senior.

Students who maintain a healthy diet agree that the method of losing weight is to increase your exercise.

Health clubs, video tapes of aerobics classes, and spas provide diet aids as well.

Summing it all up, Jan Fernandez, junior, stated, "If you can't lose weight without diet pills or other aids you shouldn't be on a diet at all."

Hopefully, most will take this advice.

The school's salad bar provided dieters with a nutritional lunch. The salad bar was available three days a week.



Schuster

'We are the world' provides inspiration

Ethiopia — famine, starvation, sickness and death are the words commonly associated with this country.

Donations of money, food and medical aid helped a small percentage of the deprived country.

"The Ethiopian situation is a tragic occurrence that has brought many Americans together for a good cause," commented Rhonda

Truitt, junior.

Top actors and musicians took a special interest in helping this problem in Africa. The single, "We Are The World," was produced by these artists who call themselves (USA for Africa) (United Support of Artists for Africa).

Lionel Richie, Michael Jackson, Steve Perry, Kenny Rogers, Kenny Loggins, Bruce Springsteen, Cyndi Lauper, Stevie Wonder,

Bob Dylan and others donated their time and talents to making this hit album and video which were released in April. "We Are The World" is not the only song on this album.

"I think it's great that singers are caring about the people in Ethiopia and aren't worried about money," said Dora Garcia, junior.

— Kara East, Tiffini Crownover

School spirit shines

MHS is known for many exciting things and some strange happenings. Among the strangest, but fun, is Spirit Week.

"Spirit Week seemed to break up the monotony of school. It really was a lot of fun," explained Amy Roberts, sophomore.

During the week you could find anything from football jerseys to taped glasses from shades to purple sweats.

Monday ... Occupation Day
Tuesday ... Chicago Sports Day
Wednesday ... Spring Break Day
Thursday ... Nerd Day
Friday ... Purple and White Day

Spring Break Day came during a winter snow storm. It was quite a sight to see. While we saw shorts and sunglasses on the inside, it was snowing and blowing on the outside.

"Nerd day was my favorite because everyone really dressed up like Nerds," added Kelly Kaurich, senior.

Although everyone does not get involved in Spirit Week, those that do really have a lot of fun.

— Tiffini Crownover



Science Club — Front Row: Scott Terek, Dan Rose, Christine Frazer, sponsor. Back Row: John Garcia, Matt Isolampi.

Drug investigation closes campus

Big Brother is back.

Eleven students were arrested in the October 5 wrap-up of a joint undercover high school drug investigation by the Merrillville and Highland Police Departments. As a result, the refreshing trip to the Dairy Queen is now only a memory.

Nine juveniles were arraigned in county courts on Oct. 17. Two students were tried as adults on charges of possession of a controlled substance and aiding a drug sale. All students arrested were expelled from school.

According to Dr. Robert Schrenker, superintendent, undercover police officers Scott Jurgenson, Pierce football coach, and George Karountos of Highland, alias George Stevens, posed as transfer seniors in Highland High School and MHS at the beginning of the 1984-1985 school year.

Both police departments and school boards instructed them to find the scope of the problems in the area schools. All arrests were made solely on the evidence produced by the officers.

"Many of the kids involved in school activities, were doing poorly in their studies and were headed for trouble," said Dr. Schrenker.

Karountos submitted a list of eight students who were observed using but not selling illegal drugs during school hours to Paul Schuyler, principal. School officials searched these students' lockers and notified their par-

ents. The locker searches were witnessed by the students involved and Al Braschos, security officer. The searches uncovered no drugs or related paraphernalia.

The parents of students who were reported as consistently in the presence of students using drugs were also notified. "We want these students to know that they had a close call," said Dr. Schrenker.

Karountos indicated that most of the illegal drug trafficking occurred off school grounds during lunch period. Because of the actions of fewer than two percent of the student body, the privilege of walking to the Dairy Queen was stopped.

Effective Oct. 8, the Merrillville School Corporation's administration stated in a press release, "Students will no longer be permitted to leave school grounds during the lunch hour." The reason they cited for the new rule was to help curb the illegal trafficking that took place off school grounds.

Jill Yura, senior, commented on the new school rule, "I think it's very unfair that they take this privilege away from us."

John Peters, also a senior, reinforced the previous view, "If students want to go to the Dairy Queen, they should have every right to go."

— Denise Bezick,
Eric Michael,
Margie Gianicos



Daydreams space out during classes

"John, stop daydreaming and pay attention!" yelled the teacher. This is what many students hear two to three times a day. While sitting in class, the teacher suddenly calls your name and you don't know what page, or what book, or even what class you're in.

This is a very common factor that happens to most students. It's called daydreaming.

According to *The Inner World of Daydreaming* by John L. Singer, "daydreaming represents a shift of attention away from some primary or mental task we have set for ourselves."

Lori Goodwin, senior, stated, "I daydream a little bit, every once in a while. But it usually does not take up the majority of my day."

Some people think of it as a way to relax, others use daydreaming to sort out problems and think.

"I think or just space out and think about my problems. I usually don't realize I'm doing it," added Dave Hrabrick, junior.

Most students daydream about fantasies, people, a boyfriend, a girlfriend, the weekend, the past, the present and also the future.

"During class I often daydream about a certain girl, whoever is on my mind that day," explained Eric Ban, sophomore.

Despite the reasons, daydreaming does interrupt class time. Students usually do not realize it, but teachers often get perturbed.

"I want to jump over the computers and



Bob Zavacky, Matt Naspinski, Paul Fiacable and Jim Gavelek, seniors, enjoy a day on the beach in Ft. Lauderdale. Many students migrated to Florida for Spring Break.

choke them," laughed Bob Bergeson, business teacher.

Not only do students daydream during school, but many carry it out of the classroom.

"I daydream about going out when I'm sitting at home, alone and bored," added Yvonne Armenta, senior.

Whether you daydream during school, at home, or at work, it is a fact that everyone has done it at one time or another. Some maybe more than others. But as long as you are not harming anything, it's fun and enjoyable way of wasting time.

— Natalie Coyle

Morp dance draws 100 students

Morp is an annual event that most MHS students look forward to.

"I was really looking forward to Morp because it seemed like it would be a fun dance," stated Danielle Bradach, sophomore.

Morp, (Prom spelled backwards) is a dance where students do everything opposite of Prom.

Students are not allowed to dress up for this dance, and students could not wear their shoes while they were at the dance.

"I thought it was fun not wearing shoes because everyone was sliding around on the floor," said Pam Young, sophomore.

Morp was sponsored by the Student Council on March 22 in the gym for the first time.

"I thought the dance was better in the gym because there was more room to dance than in the cafeteria," commented Mike Comerford, junior.

However, only 50 couples attended the dance, which was a small turnout compared to previous years.

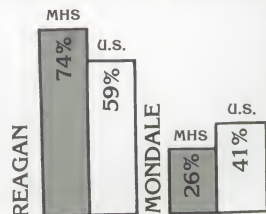
Karen Kirksey, Student Council president said, "Morp would have been better if more people came."

Many couples who attended Morp felt the same way as Kirksey.

"Few people were there. It just shows that students' attitudes and spirits about dances are declining," concluded Paul Tomak, senior.

— Tina Carrigan

Mock nat'l election at MHS



The day before the Presidential election MHS had an election of their own.

About 25 percent of the student body participated in the mock election giving Reagan an overwhelming majority vote.

Eric Michael, senior, said, "It helped students who couldn't legally vote express their opinion of the national election."

The mock election, which was sponsored by the Student Council, went over quite well according to Gregg Schuster, committee chairman.

Bill Paige, senior, added, "Reagan did a good job the last four years and things proved. I think he will continue to be successful, and things will get even better."

— Julie

Have you heard the excuse about . . .

"Mrs. Smith I wasn't cheating. I was just verifying my answers."

"Mr. Jones, my dog ate my homework, can I do it again?"

Excuses, why do people use excuses? Teresa Spencer, senior, stated, "Excuses sometimes can get you out of deep trouble."

Teachers usually have a good point of view on excuses. Christine Frazer, English teacher, said, "Most students use excuses because they haven't done their work."

John Tavaras, senior, said, "I usually use excuses in the classroom when I don't do my homework."

When deciding whether or not to use ex-

cuses, many factors must be taken into consideration. Such factors include, who the excuse is directed to, what kind of mood the person is in, and whether or not the excuse is believable.

Jeff Warren, junior, stated, "When using an excuse, I make them seem reasonable. The only time I'd use a shaky excuse is when I come in late and my mom is waiting for me half asleep." Sometimes it's too late for excuses and all that's left is telling the truth.

A good example is coming home from a movie that isn't playing, and your mom knows it.

After getting by not doing homework, that

guy or girl you're not so crazy about asks for a date or you're stuck with two dates, what do you say?

Sandy Tharp, senior, stated, "I usually say that I'm going out with another guy from a different school."

Lou Castellani, senior, came up with a good excuse, "I'm sorry but I have previous plans for the rest of my high school days."

Excuses are used day in and day out, and people will continue to use them as long as they can get away with it.

— Gregg Schuster



Chess Club — Ron McBrayer, George Angelov, Chris Paine, Paul DeStefano, Jim Enoch, Matt

Gillfillan, Jeff Pastor, Joe Eck, Geoff Chidsey,

Rule causes conflict

At the beginning of the second semester, a new idea was added to the MHS tardy policy.

The teachers were given the responsibility of issuing detention when students were tardy to their class more than once. This new policy was developed to prevent students from having to leave class to obtain a detention form.

Mike Scheffer, a chronically late junior, replied, "It's not as easy to get out of a tardy now. You have to be extra careful now because it's not the Dean, it is the teachers who issue the tardy detentions."

Frank O'Shay, Dean of Students, feels this policy is beneficial to the students. "They now don't have to waste time in the office waiting for detention slips."

The tardy policy itself was not altered, but the detention procedure was. It has been an incentive to many students to be in class on time.

— Linda Elsnor

Students 'relax'

To many MHS students, finding something to do on the weekends is not a tough task!

Michelle Owen, sophomore, said, "If you just ask around you'll always hear about something to do."

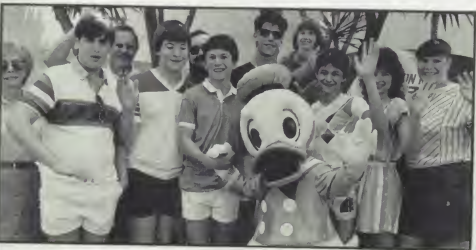
GOYA'S are fun, the beach is definitely the place to be," stated Jan Fernandez, junior.

For some students, jobs may take up part of their weekend hours, but even after a long day, students still seem to find time to go out.

Manny Garcia, senior, commented, "After work I always find time to party with friends."

"Total relaxation" is what Mike Miner, senior had in mind for his weekends. "After five days of nothing but studying, that's all I can think about!"

— Marianne Berger



Decathlon Team — Mrs. Schuyler, Chaprone, John Garcia, Paul Schuyler, Principal, Scott Terek, Jim Edgcomb, Sponsor, Geoff Chidsey,

Donald Duck, Steve Ramuscak, Linda Davis, Sponsor, Phil Pardus, Denise Bezick, Barb Hipple.

Chicago has it all

Living so close to Chicago gives Merrillville students the chance to taste a bit of the city life.

Chicago is a short thirty minute drive down the expressway. There are enough things to live in the city to keep students busy for weeks, that is, if they can afford it.

"It seems like everything is twice as expensive in Chicago," commented Dannette Guzman, senior, "but I think I have twice as much fun shopping there."

Shopping at Water Tower Place, going to Chinatown, touring the museums, going to the zoos, the planetarium, and the aquarium are only a few of the hundreds of ways to spend a short day at Chicago.

"There is so much to do in Chicago," stated Lynda Schutz, senior, "sometimes I wish I could stay there for weeks."

After a long and expensive day in the big city, many students are ready for some world famous Chicago-style pizza. Giordano's or Gino's are two of the more popular Chicago pizza restaurants.

"Chicago pizza is definitely the best," explained Mindy McCarty, senior, "I love all the delicious goop that they stuff into that thick crust."

— Tiffini Crownover



After school fun

The bell rings to end last hour.

Students rush to their lockers and to their cars. Then they go home to do their extra curricular activities.

Rob Moore, senior, has his time after school all tied up. "I don't go home after school because I am manager for the football, basketball and baseball teams. That means I'm here everyday after school."

However, some students are only involved in one sport. Andre Dubois, senior, said "When I'm not wrestling, I just go home after school and study."

Some students, other than going home, go to jobs.

Bill Paige, senior, who works at Sears in the Southlake Mall, said, "I like working after school because the money helps me to save up for college."

You can see that many students do a variety of things after school. It all depends on personal preference and what your time permits you to do.

— Jeff St. Germain

Victor Atsinger, senior, and Buzz Underwood, senior take time out of their busy schedules to visit an Elementary School during a Quest class project. Quest students visited many of the schools during holidays as one of their many activities.



Valerie Pappas, senior, studies vigorously in the library for her final exams. Students filled the library during finals week.

Cramming: Does it work?

Do you study an hour or a few minutes before taking a test?

Do you stay up until all hours of the night trying to study for six final exams?

If you answered yes to either of these questions, then you are a common MHS student who crams for tests. Cramming is a popular way that students at MHS study for their tests, but is it worth it?

Josie Arena, senior, who does not use this method of studying, commented, "You know the material for the test or you don't."

"I think studying is worth it. You may be able to get a better grade if you cram for a few minutes before the test than if you don't study at all," explained Dave Dzuiecki, junior.

Although cramming is a popular way of studying, it isn't very effective because it doesn't stay in your memory very long.

"You forget everything by the next day if you cram for a test," explained Nadene Sever, senior.

— Robin Sanko

Addicted? You're not alone!

"And today all schools in the area will be closed due to the weather," announced the D.J.

All students are excited when school closes but some more than others. They are the soap addicts. Immediately they flip on the television set and prepare to watch their favorite soap opera.

"My favorite thing to do when school closes is catch up on all of the soaps," added Robin Sanko, senior.

In addition Karen Pearson, junior, said, "There's really nothing else to do except turn on the soaps."

Although we can watch our favorite daytime dramas once in a while, we are not always lucky enough to have school called off.

Many students use VCR's to catch the soaps while they are at school.

"I usually watch 'Loving' and 'All My Children' on video tapes late at night," explained Tiffini Crownover, senior.

"My VCR really helps out when there is an exciting part on a soap and we have school," commented Chris Cunningham, junior.

One of the biggest stereotypes people believe is that soaps only relate to women. Many men are also "addicted."

"I always try to watch my soap operas whenever I'm home," said Bob Krantz, senior.

The all-time favorite soaps of most MHS students are "All My Children" and "General Hospital."

— Natalie Coyle

Senior election gives students recognition

Most Likely to Succeed: Eric Michael, Karen Ector
 Most Popular: Mike Shayotovich, Karen Kirkley
 Most Intelligent: Scott Terek, Cheryl Fossey
 Most Actively Involved: Eric Michael, Stecy Plesha
 Most Spirited: Greg Schuster, Denise Rogers
 Most Talkative: Mike Puskar, Marianne Berger
 Most Friendly: Manny Garcia, Marianne Berger
 Best Personality: Manny Gracia, Robin O'Deen
 Best Dressed: Rich Hernandez, Allison Dakich
 Nicest Eyes: Bob Zavacky, Cheryl Graeber
 Nicest Body (Figure): Jim Gavelek, Tammy Rodrak
 Best Athlete: Dan French, Stecy Plesha
 Best Sense of Humor: Buzzy Underwood, Marianne Berger
 Best Actor/Actress: Dan Proctor, Kelly Ellch
 Class Clown: Buzzy Underwood, Julie Fratzke



Key Club — Front Row: Dean Hess, sponsor, Mary Ann Connely, Mark Lieber. Second row: Robin Benson, Dan Wikse, Kim Pachapa, Judy

Rendina. Back row: Dawn Bowman, Steve Leontaras, Cheryl Fossey.

Students invest savings in body work

The 80's has brought the fitness craze to the United States. People everywhere have started to take care of their bodies and to exercise more often.

MHS students are fast becoming involved in this struggle for the perfect (or near perfect) body.

"I joined health clubs to stay in shape over the winter," stated Jeff Sopczak, senior.

John Steiner, junior, commented, "I basically just wanted to get into shape. I figured a health club would be a good place because I could work out with my friends."

Along with Nautilus machines, most health clubs offer aerobic workouts.

"I really like aerobic workouts because it's most like dancing," stated Karen Eyrich, junior.

Many MHS students enjoy the luxuries at local health clubs, such as saunas and whirl-

pools.

"The whirlpool is my favorite place at the health club!" stated Mike Demakis, junior.

Those who go to health clubs say that working out with other people is a great advantage over working out alone.

"The atmosphere encouraged people to work harder because if someone sees another person who's in really good shape they tend to work harder, hoping to achieve the same results," said Chris Cunningham, junior.

"It's really easy to meet people at health clubs because you know that you already have one common interest," revealed Fiabelle.

Today's health clubs may be the only place where people can go to work on their muscles and their social lives at the same time."

— Kris Zimnawoda



Competing in a power lifting contest, Jay Anderson, senior proceeds to squat the weights. Many MHS students work out at local health clubs.

DIGEST



Dave Herbert, senior, attempts a freethrow. The Pirates won the game against the Portage Indians with a final score of 32-29.

Pom pon girls, Kim Schlotterbeck, senior, Kelly Jo Travis, and Chris Psaros, Juniors, entertain the crowd at half time with Bugle Call Rag.



HOMECOMING

New traditions begin

Changes marked Basketball Homecoming. The week kicked off with the annual spirit days. The first three days, Occupation Day, Chicago Sports Day and Spring Break Day were new days chosen by the Student Council.

The students seemed to enjoy these new days. Missy Golding, senior, said, "Spring Break Day was a great idea, but I froze."

Next came the Homecoming game. Because of new school policies, the annual pep rally couldn't be held during school time. So, the mini parade, along with the crowning of Homecoming King and Queen, were held at halftime of the Homecoming game.

Laura Hanas, senior, remarked, "I think there should have been a pep session. Homecoming wasn't the same without it."

The Pirates faced the Portage Indians for the Homecoming battle. The Pirates, after a defensively superior first half, led 13-11.

Halftime activities started with the mini parade. Seven clubs participated. Awards went

to the Sophomore Class (1st place), SADD (2nd place), and Student Council (3rd place).

Next came the crowning of Dave Maddack and Laura Parkhurst as sophomore prince and princess. Then, juniors Rich Lesniak and Karen Dudak were crowned. Finally, Neil Eubank and Tami Modrak were named Homecoming King and Queen.

After winning, Eubank commented, "I was really surprised when they said I won."

The Pirates, after a spirited halftime, returned to play more offensively. This great effort paid off with a final score of 32-29.

Dave Herbert, a senior team member, said, "Being that it was Homecoming and that there were more fans, the crowd gave the needed support. It definitely was a factor in our winning the game in the closing minutes."

— Sherin Pigott

Friends congratulate Laura Parkhurst, sophomore, after she won Homecoming Princess for the Sophomore class.



Tami Modrak and Neil Eubank, seniors, smile after being crowned Basketball Homecoming King and Queen. They were crowned at the halftime of the Homecoming game.

"I was really surprised when they said I won."

Neil Eubank,
Senior



Mark Krutz, Bill Paige, Doug Gough, Tom Covacic, Pete Routsolias, Bill Gornik, Buzzy Underwood, Bob Zavacky and Scott Tuft, seniors, display their school spirit at the Homecoming Parade. However, many students felt less enthusiastic about school spirit.



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SCHOOL SPIRIT

MHS enthusiasm declines in 1985

In past years, MHS students showed their school spirit by cheering for their team at athletic events.

They were not embarrassed to display their pride for their team and school.

Today, most students feel that MHS has little school spirit.

"School spirit has gone down so much. I remember watching students waving purple towels and getting involved in the games," said Chrissy Perez, junior cheerleader.

Many students attend the games, but they do not sit in the cheering section.

"I don't sit in the cheering section because I like to watch the game, not cheer," stated Freddy Summers, junior.

At some basketball games, MHS personnel

blocked off one section of the gym.

They did this so students would sit in the cheering section and cheer.

"Blocking off that section wasn't a good idea because students that sit there help distract the other team players," commented Tim O'Shea, junior.

"I think you should be able to sit where you want to," added Jill Lamfalusi, sophomore.

Some students feel that not having pep sessions causes lack of school spirit.

"The government has taken all school spirit out of school by eliminating pep sessions and by lengthening the school day," said O'Shea.

Even though school spirit has declined, pom pon girls and cheerleaders still have the

responsibility of getting the crowd involved.

After the pom pon girls perform, they sit in the cheering section to cheer with the cheerleaders.

Cheerleaders hold up signs and keep the chants short so the crowd can cheer with them.

Although pom pon girls and cheerleaders do their part, school spirit at MHS is still a problem.

"Some people say it's the cheerleader fault, but how can we improve our school spirit when there aren't enough fans to show our spirit to," concluded Sheri Sohacki, junior cheerleader.

— Tina Carrigan



Pom-pom Squad — Front Row: Kim Schlietterbeck, Cheri Adler, Lena Karabetos, Lori Goodwin. Second Row: Cheryl Vana, Eileen Dawson, Tina Carrigan, Lee Splroff, Connie Belshaw, Diane Torres, Kim Fentress. Third Row: Adrienne Viramontes, Lori Shinovich, Vera Todorovich, Lisa Tidwell.

Cathy Johnson, Lisa Stedman, Katie Lear, Anna Marie Turpa, Karen Pearson, Jean Tasicas. Back Row: Christine Psaros, Michelle Traber, Jill Lamfalusi, Christine Sobierajski, Amy Stooksbury, Kelly Travis, Christina Taskoff, Kelly Steiner, Lisa Petroff, Dora Garcia.

Attending football games, students supported their football team. Although students came to the games, most failed to cheer.



Bucky, the MHS school mascot, showed off his legs at a MHS basketball game. Bucky helped the cheerleaders at athletic events to increase fan support.



FUND RAISING

Clubs find means of extra cash

What seems to be the main reason that class is disrupted? In 1984 it seemed to be the munching and crunching of M & M's, or the steady chewing of Gummi Bears. Where do students get all of this? From fund raisers in clubs and committees, that's where.

It seemed that when you went to class, you had to not only carry your books and pencils, but you also had to take along a box of candy that would melt in your mouth, but not in your hand. Some teachers grew upset with many students because their test papers would be returned with little brown smudges on them. Max Hutchison, math teacher, commented, "I don't mind the students eating things in the class as long as I don't catch them."

Patrick Mulloy, Student Council sponsor, said, "I feel that fund raising all depends upon the technique you use. Posters and word of mouth seem to be the best forms of advertisement." Mr. Mulloy has led the Student Council on many fund raisers, including a Christmas food drive that helped many families in the area.

Gregg Schuster, Senior Class vice president, added, "It was fun working on something for someone else. Since the school was not going to benefit from the drive, it was hard to get many people involved."

Candy is not the only thing that is sold to

raise money. Before Christmas break the German club sold ornaments. They had everything from candle holders to bells.

John Travaras, senior, said, "You don't have to sell candy to raise money in this school. Many people bought ornaments as an inexpensive, but very nice Christmas gift."

Other clubs such as band and choir had also taken the non-candy route by selling cheese or pizza.

Frank Erfurth, sophomore, stated, "Teachers shouldn't get mad when a student has something to eat in class like M & M's. Remember, we're only helping a club raise money for something useful."

George Santiago, junior, commented, "Fund raisers are fine, but when they disturb the educational process, I think they have gone too far."

Everyone has their own idea of fund raisers and how they affect the educational process. The Indiana State School Board seemed to feel that candy sales were against a school's own interest when they ruled that things may not be sold during school hours. However, the different organizations have found fund raising to be their only way of obtaining money. With the money they raised, the clubs were able to do various projects.

— Rich Dyman



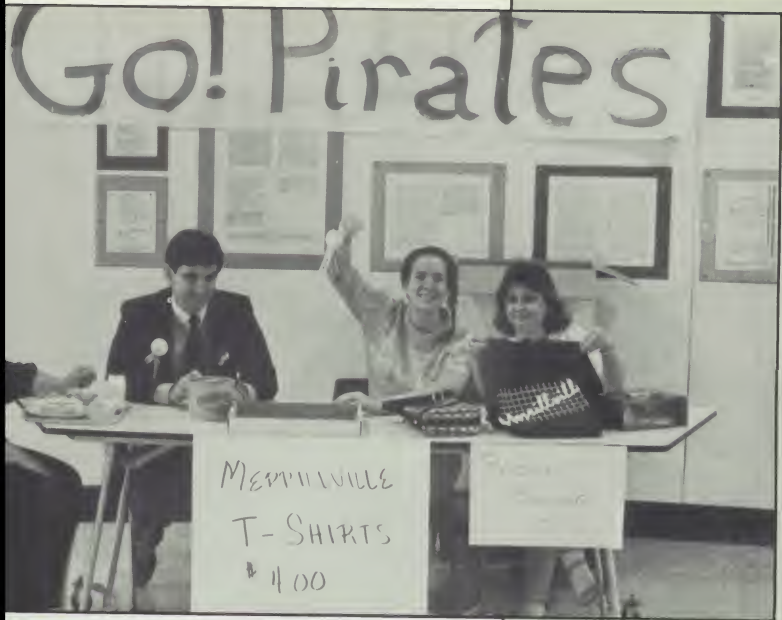
"You don't have to sell candy to raise money."

— John Tavaras,
Senior

Gail Brice, senior, purchases a Pirate button, from Charlotte Boyd, senior. Students found that buying buttons was an inexpensive way of showing pride.

Bill Daniel, junior, signs in for his candy order. Through the sale of candy, the band found that any student is willing to purchase chocolate to help a worthy cause.





Tom Herbert, assistant principal, Lori Funder, senior, and Dusti Nunley, junior, found enjoyment in selling spirit items. Students bought T-shirts and buttons for the upcoming sectional basketball games.

Lynn Drennan, junior, stops to pick up her band candy. Band sold chocolate Easter bunnies to raise money for future uses.

Showing her daddy, Nick Gianikos, the new dance steps is Margie Gianikos, Junior. Daddy Date Nite is a father-daughter dance.



Tracy Schuck, Junior, and her father take a break for refreshments. This was the third Daddy Date Nite dance.

At the dance, Ann Morando, sophomore, and her father boogie to the music. Daddy Date Nite was May 10.



DADDY DATE NITE

Daddies 'twist and shout'



Student Council — Front Row: Marianne Berger, Robin O'Deen, Karen Kirksey, Laury Smith, Pat Mulloy, sponsor, Second Row: Melissa Stefanovich, Carl Jimenez, Jim Dimitri, Third Row: Jodi Yagelski, Barb

Rassbach, Jayne Maginot, Fourth Row: Melissa Hicks, Tammy Barkaukas, Jennifer Eibel, David Yonker, Fifth Row: Sharon Daniel, Robin Benson, Michelle Kray, Back Row: Ann Talevski, Janet Clarke, Linda Walsh, Kris Zimnawoda.



Student Council — Front Row: Mary Kate Hill, Susie Lax, Mary Jolevski, Tina Carrigan, Second Row: Shawna Eberle, Beth Weger, Denise Rogers, Sheri Sohacki, Third Row:

Cathy Malocha, Jill Lamfalusi, Donna Zaikos, Stacy Plesha, Fourth Row: Diane Clochina, Eric Ban, Barb Hippie, Back Row: Tim Bianco, Greg Schuster, Joe Nash, Manny Garcia.

Daddy Date Nite, a father-daughter dance sponsored by Student Council, was a memorable occasion for many MHS girls.

"I'll always remember Daddy Date Nite because it was a special night I spent with my dad," said Margie Gianikos, junior.

"I really enjoyed the dance because it gave my father and I a chance to become closer," stated Jan Fernandez, junior.

Most fathers agreed with their daughters about the dance.

"I had a great time. Jill had me doing dances I never heard of," said John Lamfalusi, Jill's father.

"I thought the dance was really nice. It gave me a chance to spend some time with my daughter," commented Jim Carrigan, Tina's father.

Most couples felt the music played an important role in the outcome of the dance.

"The music was great. They played songs for all ages," said Jill Lamfalusi, sophomore.

Many girls felt the dance was a lot of fun and are looking forward to the next Daddy Date Nite.

"I can hardly wait till next year's dance, because I enjoyed the dance so much this year," stated Fernandez.

Many seniors are sorry that this was the last Daddy Date Nite for them. Sherry D'Asto and Julie Zale, seniors, expressed their feelings.

"The dance gave my father and I something to look forward to each year. I will miss going to the dances, but my father and I will always remember those special times," stated Zale.

"Each year my father and I looked forward to double dating with the Zale's. These dances gave us a chance to kick back and party," exclaimed D'Asto.

All in all, most MHS girls will never forget their date on May 10, 1985.

— Tina Carrigan

REVUE

At the movies with 'Sicko and Eburp'

The '85 Revue, Sneaky Previews, was dominated by vocal performances. The talented cast danced and joked, but mostly sang their way through two nights of performances.

Roger Eburp (Bob McGuckin, junior) and Gene Sicko (Bill Wilkison, junior) gave their review of all the acts with either a thumbs up or a thumbs down. However, not surprisingly, all the acts got an unanimous thumbs up.

Lynn Huddleston, senior, was one of the brighter stars. She appeared five times throughout the show. In her final appearance with the band, DM7, they played a song that Huddleston composed.

After the Revue, Huddleston commented, "It was really great being in the Revue this year, especially being a senior. It felt great performing in front of all the people."

Paul Tomak, senior, also appeared a few times in the Revue. Tomak sang and danced.

"Practices are never as great as performing, but they are necessary," commented Tomak.

And the practice paid off because the Revue was a success.

Bruce Woods, director, said, "The cast was the most talented group I've ever worked with yet."

— Sharon Pigott

The band DM7 was the closing act for Revue '85. The Revue was on March 22 and 23.



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Drama Club: Front Row — Ono Olivadoti*, Bill Wilkison*, Robert Parpart*, Dan Proctor*, Kathy Slinker, Carol Gruber*, Melissa George*, Barb Hippie*, Joe Morrow, Sponsor. Second Row — David Yonker, Mike Rotaeker*, Suzy Maddock, Shirley Price*. Third Row — Carl Jimenez, Valerie Huston, Becky Ramos. Fourth Row —

Lynn Drennan*, Jenny Potter*, Melissa Stefanovich, Chris Froman*. Fifth Row — Tammy Erdelles, Kathy Kendt, Sheri Fraley. Sixth Row — Beth Jasiak, Mark Runholt, Sherri Sheptock, Laura Le Counte. Back Row — Jared Riddle*, Ron McBrayer*, Mia Brownell, Lisa Stedman. (* Denotes Thespians)



During an after school rehearsal, Chrissy Villaire, junior, practices her vocal selection. The Revue was in Reinhart Auditorium.



Lynn Huddleston, senior, sings at the Revue. Huddleston performed several times, including the singing of one of her compositions.



Onofrio Olivadoti and Diane Bellamy, seniors, Dan Proctor, Beth Jasiak, seniors, R.D. Parpart, junior, Lynn Huddleston perform a dance routine at one of their many shows. The Vocalteens have about 40 performances a year.

The VT's come together with the Velveteens to perform a song in their fall show at MHS. Though they usually work independently, the two groups sometimes perform together.



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MUSICAL GROUPS

Pros in the making

Whether all the members of the Vocalteens and Velveteens go on to musical careers, their performances already reflect their dedication to the art.

The Vocalteens and Velveteens are one of the most active organizations at MHS. "We have about 35 to 40 performances a year," said Jeff Brown, junior. These performances include choral festivals, contests and shows at banquets and club meetings.

In preparation for their performances, the groups practice everyday in class, twice a week after school, immediately before their shows and sometimes on the weekends.

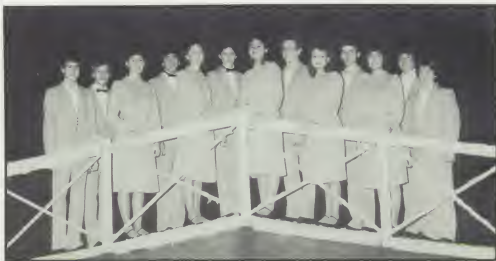
Many of the students involved in these musical groups plan to have careers in music or the performing arts. "I plan to pursue a musical career after I graduate from MHS," stated Adrienne Viramontes, junior. Dan Proctor, president of the Vocalteens, commented, "I am planning to major in the Performing Arts in college. I plan to perform professionally and I'm in the process of auditioning for several universities."

Some students involved in Vocalteens and Velveteens do not plan on a career in music, but enjoy performing, just as a hobby. "I'm not really interested in a musical career, but I really enjoy being in Velveteens," stated Sheri Fraley, junior.

"Being a Vocalteen gives me the opportunity to perform for people. It's a great feeling to know that I can make them happy," added Proctor.

Commented Jerry Reinhart, director of the two groups, "Singing for thousands of people, the VT's have become the Good Will Ambassadors of MHS."

— Kris Zimnawoda



Vocalteens — Paul Tomak, Jeff Brown, Tammy Huddleston, Dan Proctor, Beth Jasiak, Onofrio Erdelles, Jeff Maloney, Kelly Ellich, Phil Pardus, Olividoti, Bob McGuckin, Adrienne Viramontes, R.D. Parnpart, Lynn



Velveteens — Front Row: Kathy Maloney, Barb Parks, Sheri Fraley. Back Row: Tracy Goodman, Carol Gruber, Mia Brownell, Donna Dogan.

Paul Tomak and Kelly Ellich, seniors, and Adrienne Viramontes, junior, perform a Vocalteen routine at a recent concert. The VT's practice several times a week to perfect their dances and songs.



INJURIES

No pain, no gain?

This is your big chance. You have the football, and all that stands between you and your field goal is 10 yards and a player from the opposing team. Who in this case, weighs 350 pounds and whose main objective is stopping you.

Unfortunately, he does his job very well and the next thing you know, your broken body and the playing field are one and the same.

Athletic injuries.

Almost every athlete has to deal with them. They seem to be unavoidable.

According to Sherman Issak, athletic trainer, football is the most dangerous sport at MHS. But, it seems as though all sports involve some element of risk. Shin splints and twisted ankles are the most common injuries in track, gymnastics and basketball according to student trainers Liz Martinez, Lisa Funder and Tracy Koenig, juniors.

"Baseball players usually receive arm and shoulder injuries from throwing too much or not enough. Being hit by the ball is also very common," said Randy Wyllie, junior member of the baseball team.

"The most common injuries in soccer usually involve the ankles, shins or knees," commented Kelly Kaurich, senior member of the MHS soccer team.

After receiving an injury, many athletes may feel a bit hesitant to get back into action, but a good number of them want to get going right away.

"After receiving an injury, you think twice whether playing is important. You have to make the right decision for you," added Kaurich.

Jeff Tomb, junior football player, commented, "By the time you are released by your doctor, you're more than ready to play. The injury just makes you think twice about what you did wrong to get the injury in the first place."

It seems that all MHS athletes agree that participating in a sport is worth the risk of an injury. "If you're good in the sport and enjoy playing, the risk is worth it," stated Margie Gianikos, junior swimmer.

Martinez, junior, agreed, "I like to run, and in almost every sport there's a risk of getting

hurt. It's just a chance you have to take."

Mary Kate Hill, junior softball player, summed up the feelings of most MHS athletes, "In anything you do there's a risk of injury. So why not do something you enjoy?"

What can be done to avoid injuries in MHS sports? "Stretch out well," suggested Chris Roberts, sophomore girl's basketball player.

"In softball, learning to slide correctly would decrease the number of injuries dramatically," stated Candy Rathjen, junior softball player.

Wyllie suggested, "A student athlete has a wide variety of choices for sports camps which he or she could attend. These camps will teach the athlete the proper way to play the sport and how to avoid injuries."

"To excel in a sport," stated Lisa Funder, junior member of the gymnastics team, "an athlete must give 100 percent. He may avoid injuries by taking it easy, but what would he accomplish by doing that? Nothing!"

— Kris Zimnawski

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Leaving the Merrillville/Andean game by ambulance is Jeff St. Germain, senior. Sideline with a broken ankle, St. Germain was unable to play the rest of the season.

Brian Singer, junior basketball player receives an ultra-sound treatment from Brigitte Belmonte, junior. Student trainers help Sherm Iszak, athletic trainer prepare injured athletes for their games.





Martin

Rich Hernandez, senior, discovered the ills of recreational basketball after breaking his leg. Rich revealed after his accident that he didn't even like basketball!

Eric Ban, sophomore basketball player, has his ankle taped by Sherman Iszak, athletic trainer. MHS athletes can be given numerous types of aid in the trainer's room.

"If you're good in the sport and enjoy playing, the risk is worth it."

**Margie Gianikos,
junior**





"The play was a lot of fun, especially when the audience participated in the chaos."

— Paul Tomak,
Senior

During the Spring Play, Ono Olivadoti, senior, is ready to shoot Adrienne Viramontes, junior. MHS students presented "See How They Run" on April 19 and 20.

Ono Olivadoti and Dan Proctor, seniors, rehearse a scene for the play. The plot was about family members.



SPRING PLAY

Audience participates in "See How They Run"

In the Reinhart Auditorium, MHS students presented the Spring Play, "See How They Run", on April 19 and 20.

Paul Tomak, senior, and Adrienne Viramontes, junior, had the lead roles.

"We got the leading roles by reading certain parts and acting out different characters," said Viramontes and Tomak.

The plot of the play revolved around the identity of everyone in the household.

"The play was a lot of fun, especially when the audience participated in the chaos. Since it was my senior year, I thought I'd make the best of it; it worked out great. We had a great cast and a great director," commented Tomak.

The cast consisted of juniors and seniors. Martha Otterbacher, a MHS parent, was the director.

However, most of the cast felt that the turnout for the performances was not as good as they expected it to be.

"There wasn't enough publicity or participation," said Viramontes.

For those students who saw the play, they enjoyed it very much.

"I thought the play was very funny," concluded Chip Ashley, senior.

— Tina Carrigan

Martha Otterbacher, director, explains to Adrienne Viramontes, junior, and Paul Tomak, senior, how to act like they are fighting. Tomak and Viramontes had the lead roles.

Posing for a picture after rehearsals are Paul Tomak, Dan Proctor, Bob McCuckin. Second Row: Kelly Ellich, Lynn Drennan, Adrienne Viramontes.



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BLOOD DRIVE

Students donate 'the gift of life'

On March 5, 1985, MHS students were given the opportunity to participate in the annual blood drive sponsored by the American Red Cross. To qualify, students had to be at least 17 years of age and weigh over 110 pounds. More than 100 MHS students signed up to donate blood and 102 units were received.

Scott Riccardi, senior, stated, "It gave me a real good feeling to be able to donate blood."

Mike Scheffer, junior, added, "I think anyone that can donate blood should. They may find themselves in need of it one day."

The blood that was donated was transferred to Chicago for testing then distributed throughout the Mid-American region of the Red Cross. The blood that goes to this region served over 7 million people and donated blood is available to anyone that needs it.

Dolores Poxon, nurse, commented, "We had a very good blood drive this year, and I'd like to thank everyone that participated."

Donated blood saves many lives, and there is no substitute for it. It can only come from volunteers. MHS students had the opportunity to donate a life saving substance for many and perhaps to play a part in saving someone's life.

— Linda Elsner



Carrie Broda, senior, is tested for blood type. Participating students enjoyed the experience of donating blood for needy people.

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"I think anyone that can donate blood should."

— Mike Schoffer
Junior





Julene Adams, junior, is smiling as the needle is injected. This was the first contribution from M... to look for the expected output.



Amy Blair, senior, finds no pain in donating blood. Students found that talking to the Red Cross helpers would ease any pain they felt.

Using the non-watch method, Dave Dzwicki, junior, is unfazed by the loss of blood. While some students passed out during the procedure, many stayed awake and found no ill side effects.

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AWARDS NIGHT

Hard work pays off in a big way

May 22 was Awards Night at MHS. At this program outstanding students were recognized by the faculty and many other organizations.

Valedictorian and Salutatorians: Karen Ector, Cheryl Fossey, Scott Terek, Christine Daniel and Sharin Pigott.

Academic Decathlon: Denise Bezick, Geoff Chidsey, Barbara Hippie, Phil Pardus, Steve Ramusack and Scott Terek. Alternates were John Garcia and Tim Bianco.

American Legion "Outstanding Senior Boy and Girl" Award: Mike Mesarch and Melinda McCarty.

Girls and Boys State: Mary Kate Hill, Diane Metcalf and Kris Zimnawoda. Alternates: Karen Kasperzak, Pam Wilczynski and Donna Zaikos. Brad Curcio, Tim O'Shea. Alternates: Erik Miner and James Rey.

Annual Bryan Family Scholarship: Leigh Smith.

The Greek American Brotherhood Scholarship: Paula Batides.

Hooiser Scholar Awards: Shelly Kuzemka, Eric Michael and Penny Machnik.

Art Awards: Sherry D'Asto, Karen Kirksey, Robin O'Deen and Dan Rose.

"Hugh O'Brien Outstanding Sophomore": Carl Jimenez.

JETS: Leanne Bell, Chris Cochran, Karen Ector, Cheryl Fossey, Stacy Lawrence, Mike Mesarch, Steve Osoba, James Rey and Scott Terek.

Jill Jaskolka Memorial Scholarship: Christine Childs and Penny Machnik.

A-V Awards: Bill Satnan and Paul Zawada.

Indiana University's Office of Latino Affairs Academic Achievement Award: Michelle Burns, Angel Estrada, Manuel Garcia, Ana Lopez, Phillip Pardus, Brigitte Belmonte, Janet Fernandez, John Garcia, Rolando Gonzalez and Mary Ann Villeneuve. David Vasquez, Carmen Gallegos, Lisa Navarro and Michael Ramos.

Business Awards: Karol Krawczyk, Karen McKay and Susan Spitz.

"M" Awards, Lamps of Learning and Chevrons: Christine Daniel, Karen Ector, Cheryl Fossey, Colette Lindborg, Mike Mesarch, Kim Pachappa, Sharin Pigott, Scott Terek, Melinda McCarty, Leanne Bell, Geoffrey Chidsey, Lynn Drennan, Stacy Lawrence, Darlene Maryonovich, Jeffrey Pastor, Sheri Sohacki, Lisa Tidwell, Brian Tomb, Linda Walsh, Shella Yonker, Donna Zaikos, John Garcia, Wayne McMillan, Gregory Chidsey, Sharon Daniel, James Dimitri, Matt Gilfillan, Melissa Hicks, William Lorentz, Michael Malory, Jerry Miller, John Porzuczek, Terry Salyer, Anthony Simone, Christina Taskoff, Sonja Trajkovski, Tony Velovski, Robert Woodburn, David Yonker and Nomiki Zembillas.

English Awards: Karen Ector, Cheryl Fossey, Phil Pardus.

Merrillville Kiwanis Police Camp: Scott Ricardi, Scott Rosenbalm, Kevin Urbanczyk,

Kerry Utpatel, Robert Zavacky.

Merrill-Glen Scholarships: Mindy McCarty and Shelly Kuzemka.

Foreign Language Awards: Jim Enoch, Christine Daniel, Cheryl Fossey, John Garcia and Scott Terek.

National Merit Scholarship Finalists: Karen Ector and Steve Osoba.

Purdue Certificates of Recognition: Dan Bellovary, Karen Ector, Mark Enzwiller, Jennifer Eibel, Julie Fratzke, Michele Kray, Steve Leontaras, Jay Mack, Mike Mesarch and Patricia Trazska.

Rose Hulman Honor Scholarship: Steve Osoba.

Purdue Calumet Academic Achievement Award: Dan Gomerac.

Rotary Scholarship: Julie Fratzke.

Home Economics Awards: Carla Brown, Tomi Dudak, Renea Miller, Laura Reder, Lisa Neis and Michelle Mitchell.

Secondary School Principals Association "Century III Leaders" Competition: Eric Michael.

Skinner Scholarships: Christine Daniel, Karen Ector, Jennifer Eibel, Cheryl Fossey, Karol Krawczyk, Karen McKay, Sharin Pigott, Scott Terek and Dan Wikse.

Society of Women Engineers: Cheryl Fossey, Karen Ector and Christine Daniel.

Army ROTC Scholarship: Steve Osoba.

Department of Public Instruction Senate Youth Program: Greg Schuster.

Industrial Arts Awards: John Allen, Ken Evanyo, Brian Gill, Kevin Holloway, Dave Hudock, Tom Martin, Rich Niles, Mike Peterson and Nick Thomas.

Perfect Attendance: Three Years — Michael Barnack, Brigitte Belmonte, Geoff Chidsey, David Hrabrich, David Hudock, Caesar Merced, Terrence Miller, Robert Pavot, Lili Petroff, David Scott, Kristin Wojkovich and Donna Zaikos.

Art Awards: "Lake's Got It" Competition — Bill Wojtyksa and Ritchie Cain. "Scholastic Art Competition" Anita Neskaska, Brian Wirtz, Sherry D'Asto, Allan Kirk and Karen Kirksey. "American Federation of Women's Club's Regional Art Scholarship Competition" — Sherry D'Asto and Karen Kirksey. "Northern Indiana Arts Association" — Sherry D'Asto, Karen Kirksey, Robin O'Deen, Stacy Stubblefield and Samantha Dalkilic. "Regional Science Fair/Art Exhibit Competition" — Samantha Dalkilic, Sherry D'Asto, Karen Kirksey, Dan Rose. American Academy of Art Scholarship — Bill Wojtyksa.

Dante Alliger Lodge Scholarship: Joy Arena.

Experiment in International Living Scholarship: Kim Boatner.

Teamsters Scholarship: Gayle Brice.

Merchant Marine Academy Appointment: Richard Dyman.

Purdue Demonstrated Quality Scholarship: Jennifer Eibel.

St. Joseph's Trustee Scholarship and St. Joseph's Baseball Scholarship: Jim Enoch.

Track Scholarship — Louisiana State University: Neil Eubank.

Western Women's Golf Foundation and President's Honor Award: Cheryl Fossey.

I.U.N. Merit Scholarship: Julie Gutjahr.

St. Joseph's Trustee Scholarship and

Students who received scholarships were also recognized at Awards Night. MHS seniors were given scholarships to such places as the Merchant Marine Academy, Valparaiso University and Southern Methodist University.



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Scarlett Harmony Band Award: Karen Johnson.
 Presidential Honor Scholarship: Larry Kacmar.
 Honors Seminar Scholarship: Karen Kirksey.
 Sunshine Society Nursing Scholarship: Michele Kray.
 Valparaiso University Scholarship: Colette Lindborg.
 Delta Kappa Gamma Award: Penny Macholik.
 Indiana University Scholarship: Cathy Malocha.
 Grand Rapids Baptist College Scholarship and Grace College Scholarship: Mindy McCarty.
 Elks Award: Mike Mesarch.
 Football Scholarship: Butler University —

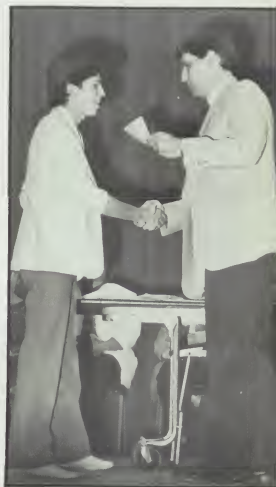
Mike Miner. Ball State Football Scholarship — Matt Naspinski.
 DePauw University Scholarship and DePauw University Alumni Scholarship: Phil Pardus.
 Inland Steel Scholarship and Southern Methodist University Scholarship: Sharin Pigott.
 Butler University Fine Arts Scholarship: Dan Proctor.
 Rose-Hulman Academic Scholarship: Scott Terek.
 Teamsters Scholarship: Kathy Thompson.
 Gary-Merrillville Lions Club Scholarship: Julie Zale.
 Valparaiso University Presidential Scholarship: Christine Daniel.
 Alumni Merit Scholarship: Robin Sanko.

Scott Terek and John Garcia wait to accept their Academic Decathlon Awards. The MHS team returned to California again for the finals and once again placed high in the nation.



Honor Society — Front Row: Julie Fratzke, Nadene Sever, Robin Sanko, Kim Pachapa. Second Row: Valerie Niksic, Michele Kray, Stecy Plesha. Third Row: Karen Ector, Jennifer Eibel, Christine Daniel, Karen Kirksey. Fourth Row: Cathy Malocha, Colette Lindborg, Julie Gutjahr. Fifth Row: Steve Osoba, Susan Spitz, Laura Kapitan, Scott Terek. Back Row: Larry Kacmar, Lou Castellani, Ray Radjenovich.

Quill and Scroll — Front Row: Glna Gornick, Shawna Eberle, Robin Sanko, Julie Zale, Angie Traficante, Tina Carrigan, Margie Glanikos. Back Row: Sherry D'Asto, Kelly Ellch, Denise Bezick, Veronica Garza, Eric Micheal, Dave Herbert, Greg Schuster, Sharin Pigott, Kris Zimnowoda, Karen Pearson.



Carl Jimenez accepts his award from Tom Herbert, assistant principal. Jimenez was named "Outstanding Sophomore."



The Prom court looks on anxiously as master of ceremonies, Gregg Schuster, announced Karen Dudak Prom Queen '85. Moments later, Erik Miner was crowned Prom King.

After the Grand March, Tom Maglera, Junior, enthusiastically removes Desree Jansen's, senior, garter.



PROM

'We've got tonite,' tomorrow

Changes were a big part of Prom '85. The major change was location instead of being at the Greek Hall, it was at St. Elijah's Serbian Hall.

Theresa Spencer, senior, commented, "I feel the change of location was for the better. The school is changing everything else so why not the location of Prom."

Also, dinner was served at Prom before the dancing began. Reactions to this were varied. The dinner was fine. You can't expect too much when so many people are being served," said Jeff Sopczak, senior.

Other students still preferred to go out to eat after Prom. Phil Pardus, senior, remarked, "I enjoyed eating out after the Prom. It seemed to make the night complete after the dancing and fun."

At 9 p.m. came the crowning ceremony. Seniors, Karen Kirksey and Neil Eubanks, crowned their successors Karen Dudak and Erik Miner as Prom Queen and King. The court consisted of Kim Albach and George Santiago, Sheri Sohacki and Jeff Warren, and Heidi Rathjen and Joe Kasper. Following the crowning came the Grand March and the exchange of garters.

After winning, Dudak commented, "I was surprised to be selected Prom Queen. It's a great honor that I won't forget."

Prom officially ended at midnight. However, couples participated in many Post-Prom

activities. One such popular event was a trip to Chicago. Other couples ate a late dinner at an area restaurant. Some brave couples, despite the cold, went to the beach. Jim Jones, senior, said, "I preferred being alone with my date, away from the crowd and by ourselves."

Then the couples went home to catch a few hours of sleep. This year even the time was shortened by the change to Daylight Savings Time.

The next morning bright and early, the couples headed to various locations for a day of fun. Unlike in past years, Great America was open. Many couples went there.

"I found Great America to be a great way to spend the day after Prom. It's an excellent place to unwind and just go crazy," commented Cathy Erdelac, sophomore.

Other couples went to state parks, such as Pokagon and Turkey Run. The beautiful weather helped make the day more enjoyable. John Tavares, senior, said, "Turkey Run was more fun than Great America. It's a place where you can relax."

Everyone returned home Sunday night thoroughly exhausted from a weekend of fun. But for many MHS students Prom weekend wasn't over yet. After all, did you see the absentee list for the Monday after Prom?

— Sharin Pigott,
Rich Dyman



"I was surprised to be selected Prom Queen. It's an honor I won't forget.

— Karen Dudak
Junior

Laura Parkhurst, sophomore, and Joe Kasper, junior, share a special moment at Prom '85. The theme of the prom was "We've Got Tonite."

Most of the prom-goers enjoy a slowdance. Prom was at St. Elijah's Serbian Hall on Saturday, April 27.



PRESSURE

How do MHS students cope?

It's a typical Monday morning. The morning you have been dreading has finally arrived. You wake up with your parents yelling, feeling tired from the weekend and remembering at the last minute about the 100 point test in first hour. What happens? Instant STRESS!

According to Co-Ed magazine, stress can come at people in all kinds of ways. It can start at high anxiety and work its way down to a down-in-the-dumps depression.

Science Weekly said any situation, "positive or negative," that disrupts your status will be stressful. Falling in love or getting into a top ranked college can be stressful in its own way, as fighting with your best friend or receiving a failing grade in an important class.

Stress in school, however, will inevitably have a high tension span. Many tend to look on school negatively because of the tension it causes, but as Co-Ed points out, "Without the pressure of an upcoming exam, or a try-out, the possibility of not succeeding or winning makes us try harder or make an extra effort, and in turn perform better than we actually thought we could." Even the effect of boredom sometimes creates a positive image by motivating us to go out and make life more interesting.

Students are constantly faced with a high-stress situation in school. The day is controlled by rules, bells and schedules. Students are constantly being asked to perform highly and meet not only teacher expectations, but parent and even friend's expectations, too.

One type of stress that enters around the adolescent years is teen relationships or dat-

ing. Many students experience some type of relationship during their teen years. In the beginning, we idolize mom and dad, then comes the years of the 'crush' on a teacher, then we hit the trauma of our first 'puppy love' crush. By the age of 16 we begin to date, go steady, and develop more feelings than just 'puppy love.'

Some MHS students told of their stressful relationships. "Having a partner that is serious about sports can put a lot of extra stress on a relationship, but if you care for someone you put the stress aside and go on with the relationship," Shawna Eberle, senior, said.

Many students feel there is so much pressure sometimes that it soon becomes impossible to handle and they give up. A few of these incidents end in ulcers or mild disorders and in some cases suicides.

"The tension in my dating relationships bring me very strong feelings sometimes. I have the constant pressure of sexual situations put upon me at times. It's hard finding someone who really cares most of the time, one student commented.

"Girls don't understand the true meaning of love," stated Greg Akars, senior.

Glamour magazine stated more boys than girls actually think they are interested in more than just one-night-stand. One boy said, "We have feelings too, and sometimes girls just walk all over us!"

There is obviously quite a bit of stress and tension during the school years and learning to cope with it is one of the most important things. Everyone seems to have their own way of dealing with stress. Unfortunately, too

many people turn to smoking, snacking, drinking, TV or even pills as a way to 'relax.' Most doctors suggest the obvious, simply try yourself to relax, slow down and take an extra needed break.

"Our relationship requires a great deal of trust, and as of yet, there is no stress involved," one individual said.

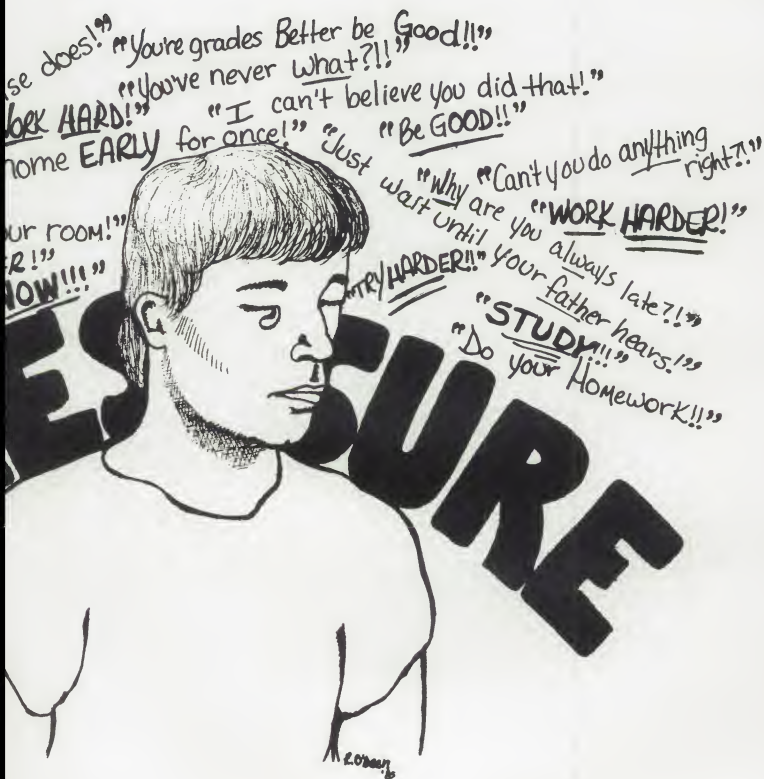
— Veronica Garza

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The good, the bad, the memorable

"CUBS WIN!!! CUBS WIN!!!!", "THE WINNER OF THE GOLD MEDAL IS ... THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!", "WE ARE THE WORLD ..."

These quotes may well be the most memorable of 1984-1985. A year of many firsts and also many tragedies.

Firsts, such as the nomination of Geraldine Ferraro as Vice President of the United States and the U.S.'s "golden" success at the Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, were joyous events. But MHS students also witnessed some sobering incidents in Merrillville, the United States and around the world. The year '84-'85 saw the unemployment rate in Northwest Indiana rise to 15.9 percent, and the entire world was moved by the suffering of the famine victims in Ethiopia.

The summer of '84 was a sports lover's dream. Locally, the Chicago Cubs won the National League East Pennant. Ever-patient Cub fans were finally rewarded for their loyalty. But the ultimate dream was not to be; the Cubs lost to the Padres in the National League playoffs.

The U.S. Olympic team captured 83 gold medals, 61 silver medals and 30 bronze medals at the Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

Carl Lewis, termed "The New Jesse Owens" won four gold medals in track. Gymnast Mary Lou Retton, the darling of the Summer Olympics, won the all-around gold medal and led the women's team to a silver medal in the team competition.

The men's gymnastics team won a hard fought battle against the Chinese and went on to capture the gold medal. The U.S.'s victories were slightly marred by the Olympic boy-

cott of several Communist countries.

The renovation of the Statue of Liberty began in 1984 with the slogan "If you believe in me, save me." People throughout the U.S. showed their belief with thousands of dollars in contributions. The renovation is planned to be completed in 1986, in time for the statue's 100th birthday.

At the Democratic Convention in San Francisco, Geraldine Ferraro was nominated for the Vice Presidency of the United States. Sparked by Ferraro's religious beliefs and family's personal finances, the Mondale/Ferraro ticket made the election anything but boring. To the sorrow of the Democrats, Ronald Reagan and George Bush returned to the White House for a second term after an overwhelming victory in the '84 election.

In the midst of the election controversy, Northwest Indiana experienced one of its highest unemployment rates ever. The rate rose to 15.9 percent, and many MHS students felt the crunch of hard times.

We all soon realized that we had nothing to complain about. Early in the fall of '84, news of the famine in Ethiopia hit the U.S. Every night on the news, reporters brought sights of the suffering into every home in the world. Thus far, 400,000 people have died, and it is estimated that the death toll will be one million before complete relief will reach all the famine victims.

Through this tragedy, people around the world united to aid the people of Ethiopia. Children from the ghettos of New York City raised thousands of dollars for the relief program, and school children elsewhere in the United States tried to beat that amount.

The most famous of the fun raisers was a group of American rock stars who called themselves "USA FOR AFRICA". The group recorded the single "We are the World" and gave all the profits to the Ethiopian relief program.

Tragedy struck again in Bhopal, India, where a poisonous gas leak killed 2,500 people and maimed up to 100,000 others. It was termed the worst industrial accident in history.

The medical world had one of its own firsts in 1985. "Baby Fae", as she came to be known, was the first American to receive an animal heart in a transplant. The use of a baboon heart in her transplant caused much controversy that didn't quiet down even after "Fae" died a short time later.

In the spring of '85, the Midwest was shaken with an outbreak of salmonella poisoning. The source was found in a Chicago area dairy plant. The epidemic, which started early in April, affected some 15,000 people, and salmonella poisoning was found to be a factor in several other deaths.

1985 marked the ten year anniversary of the United States' pullout from Vietnam, as veterans throughout the country visited memorials, remembered their fallen comrades, and prayed for those who have not yet returned.

1984-1985, a year that will be remembered for Olympic glory, medical discoveries, a human suffering that in the end, brought the people of the world together to remember and come to the aid of their fellowman.

— Kris Zimmaw

1984-'85, a year that will be remembered for Olympic glory, medical discoveries and human suffering ...

The Statue of Liberty celebrated her 98th birthday in 1984, and she began to show her age. The statue was worn from constant pummeling by wind, salt air and acid rain, and the iron ribbing supporting the copper covering was badly corroded. A two-year restoration which began in July will include a new gold-plated torch.





Members of the Men's Gymnastics team celebrate their Olympic victory in the 1984 Summer Games. These men became instant heart throbs for many MHS girls.

Mission specialist Bruce McCandless takes a walk in space in early 1984. In this photo he is seen using the so-called "manned maneuvering unit" as he moved away from the Shuttle Challenger during the eight-day space mission.



AP/Wide World Photos



Democratic Presidential candidate Walter Mondale made history when he chose a woman, Geraldine Ferraro, as his vice presidential running mate. Mondale and Ferraro were nominated on the Democratic ticket at the convention in San Francisco in July.

Jim Gavelek, senior, blows a whistle during commencement. Whistles blowing and beach balls bouncing were a part of the action at commencement.



Taking time out for a hug are Sherry D'Asto and Darren DeBoy, seniors. Commencement was Friday, June 7.

**"We will remember
this event the
rest of our lives."**

**— Scott Terek,
Senior**



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GRADUATION

June 7: This is it!



Beach balls bouncing.
Whistles blowing.

This was part of the way the graduating Class of 1985 displayed their happiness at commencement.

Most seniors felt that this was the last time they would be together as a class.

"Commencement was great because everyone was rowdy," commented Buzzy Underwood, senior.

Karen Ector, Cheryl Fossey, Scott Terek, valedictorians and Christine Daniel, Sharin Pigott, salutatorians, gave speeches at the commencement exercises on Friday, June 7 in the Engelhart gym.

"We will remember this event the rest of our lives," said Scott Terek, senior.

Cheryl Fossey, senior, stated, "We made friendships that will be with us forever."

Sharin Pigott, senior, commented, "We can be the new leaders of America."

"We will use what we learned in and out of class," said Christine Daniel, senior.

Terek added, "We finally made it!"

In addition, this is Principal Paul Schuyler's last commencement exercise at MHS. The seniors presented Mr. Schuyler with a plaque showing him their gratitude.

As the ceremony came to a close, Cheryl Graeber, Senior Class president, led the seniors in the traditional turning of the tassels.

— Tina Carrigan

Seniors Mike Miner, Lou Castellani, Bill Paige and Jeff Sopczak left their plates at the senior breakfast. Senior Mags were sold at senior breakfast as well.

Seniors anxiously wait for the diplomas to be given out. 459 seniors participated in the commencement exercises.

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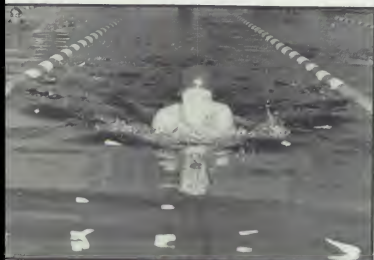


Aiming for her final putt in the golf match against Chesterton is Carrie Czarnecki, senior.

Dan Wikse, senior, gets ready to smash his serve to his opponent. Wikse was a major contributor to the team this year.

SPORTS

It's All Here!



photos/Kawicki



hy Erdelac, sophomore, was a major contributor
the girl's swim team. Here she displays her
ning form in the breaststroke.

All-Conference girl's volleyball player, Laura Kapitan,
senior, prepares to fire a serve over to her
opponents.

Sports at MHS are something everyone can be proud of. It's all here! No matter what sport we compete in, we always come out on top.

The football team, led by new-comer Coach Frank O'Shea, had a season to be proud of.

They ended the season with a 7-3 record, and many of the seniors were voted onto the All-Conference team.

Neil Eubank, senior, stated, "We had a lot of cohesiveness on the team this year. It showed in every game we played."

Jennifer Eibel, senior, made it to state in girl's golf. Eibel attributes her success to a lot of hard work and dedication.

"I had to work hard and practice more than I was used to, but it was worth it," stated Eibel.

Togetherness seemed to be a part of all the team's attitudes at MHS.

The boy's basketball team proved this by pulling together freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors to form a fighting basketball team.

Danny French, senior, stated, "No team is a success without togetherness. Individuals may get success, but it's the team that matters."

FOOTBALL:

Pirates end season with 7-3 record

A blocked punt broke the Pirates of having any hope to be in the state playoffs.

The Pirates needed a victory against Hobart in order for their playoffs hopes to continue. At halftime, the score was 14-7, Hobart's favor.

However, a Hobart player blocked senior Neil Eubank's punt, and another Hobart player recovered the ball and scored a touchdown. Before the fans knew it, the score was Hobart 21, Merrillville 7.

"All I could think about was to get the ball back, and we could beat them," said Eubank.

The Pirates scored two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter, but it was not enough. The final score was Hobart 28, Pirates 19.

Eubank added, "They are good and they beat us. I wish we could of had one more quarter."

Before, this game, the Pirates had won six consecutive games. Despite the Hobart loss, the Pirates had a 7-3 record.

The game before Hobart was an easy victory for the Pirates. They beat Andrean 21-3.

Matt Naspinski, senior, said, "Although the score was 21-3, they were a lot tougher than the score indicated."

One unfortunate accident that occurred

during the game was the loss of Jeff St. Germain, defensive back. He broke his left ankle and was unable to play for the rest of the season. Branko Jasnica, junior, replaced him.

"I was really down after the game because I

knew I was going to miss the remainder of the season. I really wanted to play in the Hobart game because it was for the playoffs," commented St. Germain.

Traveling to Portage, the pirates won another tough game.

In the third quarter, the rain began to fall. The rain did not affect the Pirates performance. They defeated the Indians, 35-24. The Pirates showed that they could play "rain or shine".

Mike Shayotovich, quarterback, only completed five of 14 passes, but two of them in the third quarter turned out to be game winners. The Vikings came back to make the score much closer, 31-27.

Mike Miner, senior, stated that it was "teamwork" that lead the Pirates to a winning season.

"The team works as a team, both offensively and defensively, which makes the team better overall," added Miner.

— Deanna Riese

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Passing the ball to a teammate is Mike Shayotovich, senior. The Pirates beat Andrean during Homecoming week. 21-3

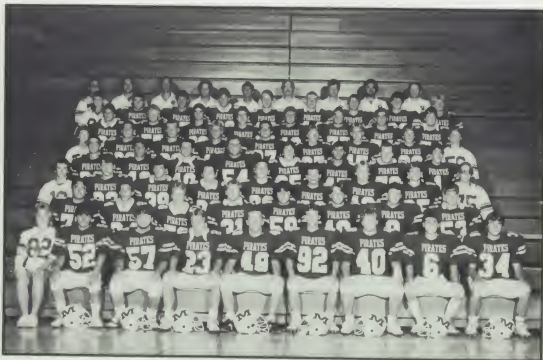




Varsity Football: Front Row — R. Benson, G. Mohol, F. Grynovich, J. Mack, B. Storey, J. Budner, T. Miagetti, J. Kasper, J. Biltner. Second Row — V. Potamianos, B. Curcio, D. Gee, J. Gavelek, M. Zaronias, R. Hendrickson, T. O'Shea, S. Michael. Third Row — Rob Moore, D. Brant, J. Rice, B. St. Germain, R. Chlabal, D. Scott, M. Randall, J. Erdelac, R. Kirby. Fourth Row — M. Gurgevich, P. Matthews, J. St. Germain, P. Flacable, G. Glagola, B. Jasnica, S. Vowell, M. Demakis. Fifth Row — K. Depta, V. Krutz, C. Cochran, F. Summers, R. Dyman, B. Gustafson, C. Tobias, E. Miner, M. Gillfillan. Sixth

Row — L. Castellani, T. Gill, M. Schmidt, B. Portlock, M. Miner, D. Pearson, K. Kaurich, A. Radu. Seventh Row — J. McGee, L. Schreiber, M. Shayotovich, J. Sopczak, T. Martin, M. Naspinski, D. Green, D. French, L. Kasmar, Back Row — R. Kirby, J. Atria, T. Pellar, M. Bobos, T. Zembala, B. Bergeson, J. Yelton, S. Izsak, F. O'Shea.

Kicking a field goal is Branko Jasnica, Junior. The game was played against Hobart for a spot in the state playoffs, but the Pirates lost the game, 28-19.



Varsity Football

	MHS	OPP
Crown Point	14	21
Chesterston	28	21
McRogers	22	6
Portage	34	27
West Side	14	0
Valparaiso	31	27
Andean	21	3
Hobart	28	19
LaPorte	15	13
Lake Central	14	27

Not too pleased with a referee's call, Coach Frank O'Shea shows his anger. This is Coach O'Shea's first year as football coach at MHS.

Matt Naspinski, senior, tries to escape around a defender. Naspinski had a career high of 1750 rushing yards.

J.V. Football

	MHS	OPP
Chesterton	10	0
McRogers	13	6
Portage	32	6
Bishop Noll	30	7
Valparaiso	10	7
Andean	26	6
Hobart	14	0
LaPorte	26	13



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Getting ready to set the offensive line going, Tim O'Shea, junior, goes to run the line. O'Shea tied for fifth place for OAC points.

FOOTBALL:

Naspinski conference scoring champ

One reason for the Pirates winning season was Matt Naspinski, senior.

Naspinski commented that setting any record is "secondary" to winning.

Naspinski was honored by being named the 1984 Duneland Conference scoring champ. In six games, he had a total of 66 points on 11 touchdowns.

In overall scoring, Naspinski also lead the DAC with 84 total points on 14 touchdowns.

Naspinski was the Pirates offensive power during the season with four touchdowns against Chesterton and three against Portage.

Naspinski sparked the Pirates in a victory against Chesterton, where he tied George Uremovich's mark for the most points scored in a single game. The magic number was 28.

Naspinski credited a lot of his success to Mike Miner, senior.

"Miner helps me a lot. He plays the roll as lead blocker, and he does a good job of opening the holes," said Naspinski.

Against McGrogers, Naspinski rushed for

273 yards to help lift the Pirates to victory, 22-6.

Neil Eubank, senior, said Naspinski has "god given talents."

During the Portage victory, Naspinski broke Dave Woodward's record of 30 carries

in a single game. Naspinski ended with 33.

Naspinski said that the new Coach, Frank O'Shea contributed to his success and the success of the team.

"Coach O'Shea gives me the freedom to let me run where I want," commented Naspinski.

"After the first game against Crown Point, ev-

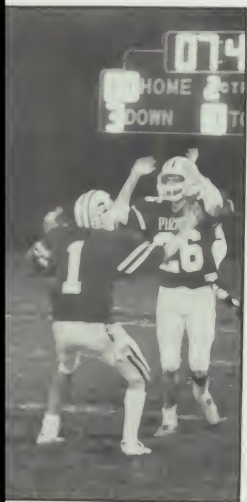
eryone realized what Coach wanted and expected from us," said Eubank.

Miner stated, "Coach O'Shea helped me in bettering myself as a player because of his ability to push and drive me to my goals."

Eubank concluded, "Coach O'Shea makes us work more on concentrating on the game than on the physical aspects of the game, and it worked out for us."

— Deanna Riese

"Miner helps me a lot. He plays the roll as lead blocker, and he does a good job of opening the holes."



JV Football: Front Row — R. Hetzer, R. Day, D. Massimino, G. Zaronas, D. Deel, J. Oglego. Second Row — L. Schreiber, M. Adamovich, M. Klevickas, R. Hyndman, B. Korentz, P. Nims, S. Wilk. Third Row — D. Nunez, R. Jakslc, J. Majcher, B. Storey, B. Brice, J. Richards. Fourth Row — B. Spurlick, C. Spiridis, T. Wood, J. Oglego, B. Warren, J. Morris, M. Sever. Fifth Row — M. Mackey, J. Kovakovsakis,

S. Mundell, D. Sell, M. Gaveck, C. Abek. Sixth Row — T. Zomballa, J. Wilczynski, B. Oliver, J. Croarlin, M. Bobos. Seventh Row — T. Peljar, B. Bergeon. Eight Row — J. Atrial.

Giving high fives for a good play are Mike Demakis and Fred Summers. The pirates had a great season despite this loss to Hobart.

MHS record holder Richard Hernandez, senior stretches out his lead in a meet at Lemon Lake. In this meet against Hobart, Hernandez broke the record for the first time.

Emerging from the trails, Diane Metcalf, junior, leads the pirates. Metcalf will be one of the top leaders for next year's team.



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Boys Cross Country

	MHS	OPP
Andean	22	36
Morton	32	25
Roosevelt	24	33
Griffith	67	69
Hobart	23	36
M.C. Rogers	50	18
Munster	27	28
Highland Inv.	8th	
Chesterton	36	19
Hobart Inv.	5th	
Clark Inv.	3rd	
Duneland Conference	4th	
Twin Lakes	2nd	



on Rodgers, junior, pushed to the finish line. Rodgers was a leading runner for the Pirates this season.

CROSS COUNTRY:

Hernandez breaks record three times

Led by Rich Hernandez, senior, the 1984 boys cross country squad ran their way into the MHS record book. And, the female harriers kept pushing despite a no win season.

Hernandez, through hours of training, broke the school record three times. The first time was at Hobart in a triangular meet against Hobart and Laporte, with a 16.12 in three miles.

"My success was gained by putting in many miles during the summer. Without this training most runners drop too far out of shape to ever make a comeback for the season," Hernandez stated.

Hernandez then ran a 16.04 against Valpo and a 16.01 at the Hobart Invitational.

Coach Kevin Perryman stated, "I was real happy to see him run that well. Rich is a talented runner who worked hard over the summer. For that reason, he has run consistently better than in the past."

The teams record in dual meets was 7-5, and they finished fourth in the tough Duneand Conference with the best point total of any MHS team since joining the conference.

The runners went on to finish fourth in the sectionals and seventh in the regionals.

Coach Perryman, stated, "We have had a good year, I feel that almost all of the runners have developed and improved from last year."

Starting the season with only juniors and seniors, the girls Cross Country team knew it was going to be difficult. Christine Daniels, senior, stated, "We knew it was going to be a

tough year. We just tried our best."

Maybe it was the practice schedule that put team attendance at a low with only seven girls. Ana Lopez, senior, commented, "You shouldn't be discouraged by the workout. It may be hard,

but it's very good for you."

Practices started on June 12 at 6:30 a.m., five days a week. Running about two miles in the beginning, they soon progressed to approximately six miles.

One main concern of Coach Gena Neuliep, as well as the rest of the team, was the fact that the team suffered many injuries, such as pulled hamstrings and sprained ankles. Elizabeth Martinez, junior, added, "When you have an injury on any team it affects you. But when your team has only seven members, it can really hurt."

— Matt Naspinski, Rich Dyman



Boys Cross Country — Front Row: John Guzman, Jim Kerr, Joe Masow, Mike Yakubec, Scott McCullin, Doug Lind, Brian Kreck. Back Row: Rich Hernandez, Peka Lehtina, Brian Shultz, Don Rodgers, Paul Kasprzak, Jason Mikulka, Dan Gojmeric, Coach Kevin Perryman.

Girls Cross Country — Front Row: Diane Metcalf, Liz Martinez, Chris Daniel, Carol Stanic. Back Row: Anna Lopez, Chris Cunningham, Sonya Hytche, Coach Gina Neuliep.

GOLF:

Ramusack, Eibel win honors

Consistency was the key to the Pirates success in golf.

The boys team was lead by seniors, Steve Ramusack, with an average of 40.2, and Tom Lipton, with an average of 41.

Max Hutchison, coach, said, "When they do well, we usually do well."

Another senior, John Donley, played "pretty steady after a slow start," added Coach Hutchison.

The Pirates also got consistency from the underclassmen, Rich Lesniak, junior, and Ward Setamayer, sophomore.

Ramusack, who was the team captain, said, "Our goal was to get out of sectionals and hopefully make a repeat trip to the state finals."

Ramusack was also named to the All-Conference team.

Also, it was a good year for the girls golf team.

The team qualified for regionals, and Jennifer Eibel, senior, qualified for state. "Even though I did not place in the top ten, I was still very happy with my accomplishments," stated Eibel.

According to Jim Vermillion, coach, the team had many goals but qualifying for regionals was the main goal. The team finished well in sectionals and competed in regionals for the first time since 1979.

Coach Vermillion, stated, "In the regionals Dee Dee Knop, junior, and Lisa Primer, senior, shot their best rounds of the year."

Vermillion also stated

that with Eibel's score of 83 she made it to state.

Coach Vermillion was still very proud of his team, although they didn't win regionals. He stated, "With all the girls hard work, it payed off when the team qualified for regionals."

— Jeanine Kiczkowski, Jeff St. Germain

"Our goal was to get out of sectionals and to reach the state finals."



Boys Golf — Rich Lesniak, John Donley, Greg Chidsey, Steve Ramusack, Tom Lipton, Kevin Mowery, Steve Pysh, Max Hutchison, coach.

Senior Lisa Primer concentrates on her putting. Lisa is a four-year letter winner.





John Donely, senior, knocks in this putt to par the twelfth hole at Summertree golf course. The team beat number four ranked Marquette by one stroke.

Girls Golf

	MHS	OPP
Munster	221	232
M.C. Marquette	213	216
Knox	213	238
Hobart	209	254
Portage	227	241
Valparaiso	239	173
LaPorte	230	176
Culver	223	213
Chesterton	203	190
M.C. Rogers	234	185
Andrean	236	233
New Prairie	213	253
M.C. Elston	213	182
Renesselaer	213	185

Boys Golf

	MHS	OPP
Hobart	170	175
Chesterton	170	165
M.C. Rogers	170	171
Hobart	170	165
Portage	170	169
LaPorte	170	159
Valparaiso	169	173
M.C. Rogers	169	177
Crown Point	182	197
Hammond Morton	182	204
Chesterton	165	172
LaPorte	165	170
Roosevelt	170	213
Crown Point	171	188
Highland	186	163
Portage	167	154
Valparaiso	167	149
Calumet	165	167
Griffith	165	164

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Girls Golf — Jim Vermillion, coach, Jennifer Eibel, Lisa Primer, Karen Kasprzak, Barb Hippie, Dee Dee Knop, Sam Dalkilic, Karen Czarnecki, Yvonne Boone, Lori Cook.

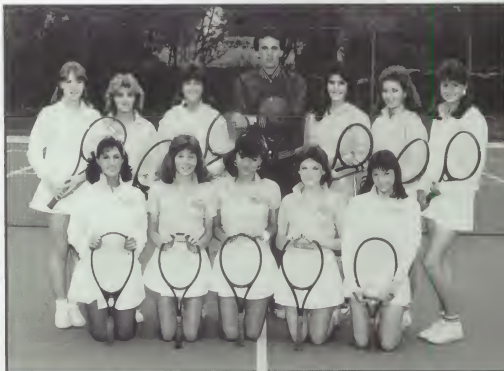
Steve Pysh, senior, uses perfect form to hit this tee shot down the number three fairway. The team finished fourth in the conference.

Girls Tennis

	MHS	OPP
Crown Point	4	1
Lowell	4	1
Griffith	4	1
Wheeler	5	0
Lake Station	5	0
Portage	3	2
Chesterton	5	0
Hobart	5	0
Highland	5	0
Munster	3	2
M.C. Rogers	5	0
Andean	5	0
Calumet	5	0
LaPorte	3	2
Lake Central	4	1
Valparaiso	4	1

Girls Tennis — Front Row: Ana Dobrijevic, Jennifer Eibel, Lana Panticic, Kara East, Barb Mazur. Back Row: Lisa Tidwell, Tanya Dobrijevic, Tracy Wiske, Bill Carson, coach, Tamara Levinson, Linda Shesto, Donna Micic.

Showing her backhand skills at a home meet, number one singles player, Lana Panticic, seni



Steve Ramusak, senior displays his concentration while executing his forehand.



TENNIS:

Girls win first sectional title

Once again the Duneland Conference proved to have tough competition for the boys and girls tennis teams.

The lady netters led by Jennifer Eibel and Lana Pantelic, seniors, stormed their way to a 160 regular season record.

Eibel finished the regular season with an unblemished record of 160, while Pantelic finished 142.

"We are all very pleased with the way that our season turned out both individually and team-wise," stated Eibel.

Kara East, junior, also finished regular season play with an individual 142 record.

Pantelic, East and Eibel, the three singles players, along with the two doubles teams, all played instrumental roles in achieving conference and sectional titles.

The two doubles teams obtained a combined total of only two losses, with Ana Dobrijevic and Lisa Tidwell, juniors, going 12-1, and Barb Mazur and Donna Micic, sophomores, going 15-1.

"The main reason behind our success this season is that Lisa and I are very close, and we know how each of us is going to react under certain conditions," added Dobrijevic

about their 120 record.

The team members all contributed a great deal of their success to second year coach, Bill Carson.

"With Bill's experience and his desire to win, he helped us to become the best players we could be. He made us take tennis more seriously and gave us the desire to succeed,"

East commented.

Leading the boys team was Geoff Chidsey, junior, with a 125 individual record. Also, seniors Dan Wikse, 9-8, and Steve Ramusack, 8-7, contributed to the team's success.

Chidsey credited his good play to "working hard over the off season and taking lessons. The lessons really helped me the most."

Also, Ted Springer was the first year coach for MHS.

However, one of the problem areas with the team was the doubles position. Eric Michael, senior, said, "We had inconsistency at the doubles position. We had inconsistency because the doubles teams were being switched around all year."

— Matt Naspinski, Jeff St. Germain

"We are all very pleased with the way our season turned out both individually and team-wise."



Boys Tennis — Front Row: Geoff Chidsey, Dan Wikse, Jim Marando, Nell Petroff, Back Row: Ted Springer, coach, Dirk Komp, Steve Ramusack, Greg McGuire, Eric Michael.

Boy's Tennis

	MHS	OPP
Valparaiso	3	2
Crown Point	1	4
LaPorte	1	4
M.C. Rogers	1	4
Lowell	5	0
Hobart	2	3
Portage	0	5
Chesterton	4	1
LaPorte	0	5
Andean	2	3
Highland	2	3
M.C. Rogers	2	3
Valparaiso	2	3
Hobart	3	2
Portage	0	5
Chesterton	4	1

VOLLEYBALL:

A season of ups and downs

A young pirate squad, hampered by inexperience and inconsistency, still posted a strong 19-11 record.

Laura Kapitan, senior, stated, "We were inconsistent at times, but we all reached the goals that we had set for ourselves."

Only having three seniors on the team, the squad looked to underclassmen for leadership.

Kara East, junior and a two year letter winner, held the team together with her good attitude and excellent play, according to Joe Starkey, coach.

Coach Starkey also had two sophomores on the squad. They were Karen Cook and Julie Joseforsky.

Joseforsky stated, "The high point of the season was defeating Crown Point."

Nancy Lafoone, junior, added, "They (Crown Point) took us too lightly, and they were very cocky going into the game."

Another high point of the season was defeating Munster.

Lafoone stated, "They were 12-0 going into the game, and they finished the season with only 2 losses."

Coach Starkey started the team practicing twenty-two days before

the season started for four hours a day to prepare for the upcoming season.

East stated, "He put in a great deal of time to help us become a strong competing team."

— Matt Naspinski

"We were inconsistent at times, but we all reached the goals that we had set for ourselves."

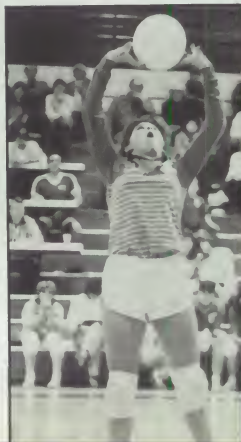


Varsity Volleyball: Front Row — Kristine Wright, Julie Joseforsky, Jill Habrych, Toni Banashak.
Second Row — Tracy Schuck, Karen Cook, Coach Joe Starkey, Laura Kapitan, Sandra Tharp.
Back Row — Janet Stewart, Pam Wilczynski, Nancy Lafoone, Kara East.

Varsity player, Kara East, junior, sets up the volleyball for a spike. East received the award for "Most Valuable Player."



Keweenaw





Karen Cook, sophomore, bumps up the volleyball. Cook won the award for "Most Improved."

Volleyball

	MHS	OPP
Lake Station	W	L
Gavit	W	L
Crown Point	W	L
Lake Central	W	L
LaPorte	L	W
Lowell	W	L
Calumet	W	L
Chesterton	L	W
Andrean	L	W
Hammond Noll	W	L
Valparaiso	W	L
Hanover Central	L	W
Munster	W	L
Griffith	W	L
Lafayette Catholic	W	L
South Bend St. Joe	L	W
Highland	W	L
Hobart	W	L
Valparaiso	W	L
Clinton Prairie	L	W
Ees-Del	L	W
Andrean	L	W
Hebron	W	L
Michigan City Rogers	L	W
Morton	W	L
Portage	W	L
Sectional		
Valparaiso	W	L
Portage	L	W

J.V. Volleyball — Front Row: Regina Edwards, Diane Jolveski, Kellie Howard, Shelly Metros, Michelle Matunas. Second Row: Kristine Wright, Jennifer Oglego, Tracy Hatala, Donna Micic, Sandy Jackson. Back Row: Brenda Hippie, Coach Karen Proctno, Colleen Collins.



Pam Wilczynski, junior, digs up the volleyball during sectional play. Wilczynski is a three year varsity player.

Boys Swimming

	MHS	OPP
Hobart	92	70
Valparaiso	52	119
Chesterston	60	111
Portage	70	102
Lake Central	77	94
Crown Point	56	115
Hammond Gavit	112	60
Munster	54	117
LaPorte	50	121
M.C. Rogers	75	96
Hammond Noll	65	112
Highland	43	136

Girls Swimming

	MHS	OPP
Chesterston	35	133
Highland	42	127
LaPorte	60	104
Valpo	47	108
Hobart	58	108
Lowell	73	99
M.C. Rogers	62	104
Portage	56	112
Calumet	44	109
Lake Central	55	116
Munster	49	112
Crown Point	61	119



Kawicki

Boys Swimming — Front Row: Jim Nickolov, coach, Jeff Kennedy, Bill Zervos, Joe Nash, Steve Pushka, Ralph Guerrero. Second Row: Mark Owen, coach, Bill Buchalter, Ned Kostur, George Doherty, Mike Lesniak, Steve Osoba, Todd Kegabein. Third Row: Fred Petsallis, Jeff Kacir, Brad Henderson, George Pavel, Fred Glatz, Scott Hamilton, Jim Cunningham. Back Row: Brad Jones, Brian Krecik, Mike Lester, Rich Dyman, Rich Lesniak, Mark Hamilton, George Santiago, Chuck Collins.

Swimming freestyle, Steve Pushkar, Junior, competed in the 400-yard relay.



SWIMMING:

Youth reaches individual goals

The inexperienced MHS swim team pulled together for a strong showing in sectionals. Out of the 11 teams in the sectionals the Pirates finished a strong fourth.

The squad was lead by Rich Dyman, senior, who finished fourth, and Joe Nash, sophomore, who finished third.

Dyman, one of only two seniors on the team, stated, "The future for the MHS swimming program looks bright."

He attributes this to the fact the number of

swimmers has increased from about 10 to 40.

First year coach, Mark Owens, is pleased to only be losing two swimmers from the '84-'85 squad.

"We have almost all of our team returning next season, so we should be a much improved team," stated Coach Owens.

However, Coach Owens did not feel that this past season was a waste.

"I saw vast improvement in their working as a team. They were all cheering each other on and supporting each other," he ad-

ded.

Even though the girls swim team consisted of nine freshmen, six sophomores and three juniors, individual performances highlighted the season.

Stacy Lawrence, junior, qualified for the state meet with a time of 1:03, placing her second in the 100-yard butterfly at sectionals. Lawrence said, "I am really looking forward to swimming at the state meet. I've been swimming for ten years, and this is one

of my foremost accomplishments."

In addition, Cathy Erdlac, sophomore, set a MHS pool record in the 100-yard breaststroke which was previously held by Sue Shinovich.

Margie Gianikos, junior, said, "Considering the small number of team members everyone met their individual goals."

Also placing in sectionals were Edie Phillips, freshman, and Frankie Kowal, junior.

The team was coached by Jim Nickolov and assistant, Mark Owen.

— Matt Naspinski,
Jeff St. Germain

"The future for
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Girls Swimming — Front Row: Edie Phillips, DeAnna McPherson, Michelle Moskowitz, Kim Williamson, Mallori Kozak, Second Row: Laurie Tubbs, Larissa Radzenko, Stacy Lawrence, Margie Gianikos, Kathy Erdlac, Michelle Akers, Back Row: Angie Deckard, Tina Kapus, Jackie Howell, Jennifer Toma, Josie Camarta, Frankie Kowal, Patti Zolandz.

Mallori Kozak, sophomore, displays her breast stroke technique. She competed in the 200-yard individual medley.



BASKETBALL:

Underclassmen gain experience

Mike Regan, in his fifth year as MHS girls basketball coach, was not completely dissatisfied with his team's 5-14 record.

"We will definitely reap some benefits next season because of our youth this season," stated coach Regan.

Five sophomores and a freshman got a very considerable amount of playing time against some very tough competition.

However, inconsistency from game-to-game appeared to be a major problem with this young squad.

"One night we shot 51 percent from the floor, and the following game we shot 28 percent," added Coach Regan.

Jenny Bailey, junior, commented, "We had a very young team with no seniors. We lacked both leadership and experience with such a youthful team."

With the loss of Shari Moore to graduation, Coach Regan had to look elsewhere for scoring and leadership.

He found it in sophomore point guard, Julie

Josefsky.

"She started varsity as a freshman and is an outstanding versatile athlete. She will probably be an eleven letter winner," stated Coach Regan.

Josefsky was certainly the statistical leader this season, as she broke Moore's sophomore scoring record.

Tracy Schuck, junior, stated, "We are hoping that next season will be much better for us, especially

with no one graduating."

"Overall we should have more depth, quickness, and experience than any of the seven previous seasons," commented Coach Regan.

Bailey added, "Coach Regan is a fantastic coach. He understands girls well and is very patient with us. He invests a great deal of time, effort and money into us, which we are all grateful for."

— Matt Naspinski

"Overall we should have more depth, quickness, and experience."



Girls Basketball — Front Row: Jamie Hidalgo, Lisa Olejnik, Julie Josefsky, Sheryl Krympotich, Tracy Schuck, Melissa Tesanovich. Back Row: Jim

Vermillion, coach. Jennifer Larson, Karin Cook, Tracy Koenig, Barb Parks, Jenny Bailey, Toni Kumstarr, Robin Benson, Mike Regan, coach.

Girls Basketball

	MHS	OPP
Crown Point	28	61
Clinton Prairie	44	52
Lake Central	45	56
Hammond Morton	46	47
LaPorte	57	56
Bishop Noll	58	52
Andean	50	56
Portage	59	51
Chesterton	40	53
Highland	46	49
Whiting	46	44
Lake Central	46	64
Hobart	65	32
Lake Station	67	38
Valparaiso	31	52
Calumet	33	42
M.C. Rogers	48	58

Jenny Bailey, junior, scores an easy basket against Duneland Conference foe, Hobart.



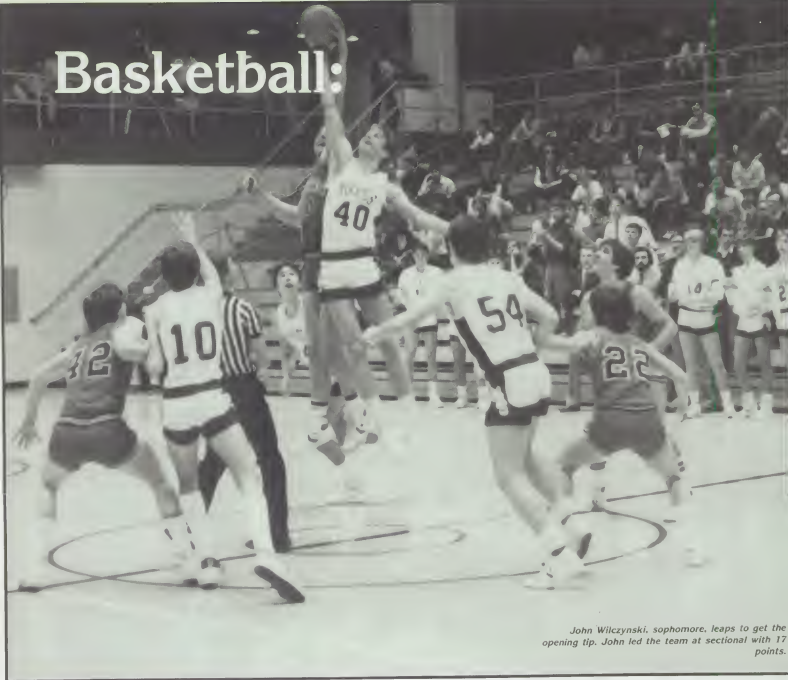
Displaying her skills in the sectionals is freshman, Sheryl Krympotich. The Pirates were eliminated by runner-up Andean.

Karin Cook, sophomore, goes up over an Andean opponent during the sectionals. The Miners won the cross-town rivalry, 43-29.



J.V. Girls Basketball — Front Row: Jamie Hidalgo, Linda Gogola, Laura Stefanelli, Jane Maginoff, Sandy Jackson, Melissa Tesanovich. Back Row: Jennifer Larson, Reagan Plesha, Heather Charlesworth, Gina Flaherty, Toni Kumstarr, Robin Benson, Jim Vermillion, coach.

Basketball:



John Wilczynski, sophomore, leaps to get the opening tip. John led the team at sectional with 17 points.

Pirate year — a roller coaster

The MHS basketball team fell just one game short of ending their season over the .500 mark.

This loss came during sectional play at the Calumet fieldhouse against the Munster Mustangs.

Wanting revenge from a previous season loss, the Mustangs came out fired up. It was a close game down to the last seconds, with the Mustangs coming out on top, 56-55.

Jim East, varsity basketball coach, stated "The last loss of the year always stays in everyone's mind, and our tough loss to Munster in the sectional was difficult to accept since we wanted another chance to play Crown Point."

The Pirates started the season off on the right foot with a 44-39 victory over Lake Station. However, the Pirates fell into a three game losing streak, but ended it with a 59-52 win over Andrean. Dan French, senior, led the Pirates to a close 59-57 overtime victory against Hammond.

"I felt the way we fought back showed courage"

With a loss to Lake Central, the Pirates headed into the holiday tourney with a record. The following two games MHS ended with a loss to eventual sectional champions, Crown Point, but gained a decisive win over Highland.

Although the Pirates salvaged their first conference victory over Hobart, a 41 win in overtime, the next six games were full of ups and downs. Winning just two of six ballgames.

Pirates, however, gained their second conference win over Portage.

The concluding four games ended regular season play on a high note. Coming back from a 10 point deficit in the fourth quarter, the Pirates stunned the respected LaPorte team, 50-49.

Senior co-captain, Dave Herbert, said "It was the way the team fought back from being down by 10 in the fourth quarter, that showed courage and each member of the team gave forth 110%."

Varsity Basketball — Front Row: Brian Singer, Tim Shea, Steve Haller, Brian Reeves, Brent Isenberg, Bill Zaikos. Back Row: Jim East, coach, Larry Kacmar, John Wilczynski, Mark Vincent, Dan French, Dave Herbert.



Varsity Basketball

	MHS	OPP
Lake Station	44	39
Lew Wallace	31	58
West Side	37	40
E.C. Roosevelt	38	46
Andean	59	52
Valparaiso	39	53
Hammond	49	47
Lake Central	50	64
Crown Point	44	46
Highland	65	50
Hobart	41	39
Chesterton	36	37
Munster	43	59
M.C. Rogers	55	43
Portage	39	49
Gary Roosevelt	33	29
Highland	43	58
LaPorte	67	53
Lowell	50	49
Munster	56	52
	52	54



The Pirates huddle together before the Munster game. The Pirates lost the game in a 56-55 decision.

Bill Zaikos, freshman, drives for a lay-up against Andean. The Pirates won the Battle of Broadway, 59-52.

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Youthful Pirates look to future

Although the 1984-85 basketball season may have been a bit dim as a team, with such a young team the future looks brighter.

"For a school of our size," coach East said, "this young of a team is unheard of!"

A freshman from Pierce Junior High, Bill Zaikos, said, "I was very excited and somewhat surprised about being brought up to the varsity level as a freshman." Zaikos worked his way up to a starting position and led the team in best free throw percentage with a 73 percent.

Another freshman, Steve Haller, divided his time between the junior varsity and varsity teams. "Being in the high school program," stated Haller, "was a really great experience. I think it gave me a new meaning of the word teamwork."

"I was honored to be awarded this honor by coaches."

Lastly, John Lea rounded out the three freshmen in the program. Lea played at the junior varsity level but was brought up for a few varsity games that included sectional. Lea felt being in the high school program was an honor. "Not too many people make the junior varsity or varsity level as a freshman," stated Lea.

With the youth of the MHS team, this year can be chalked up as a learning experience. Coach East summed it up the best, "This season was one of my most frustrating as a coach yet at the end, one of the most gratifying."

"With the youth and inexperience, we were on a constant roller coaster in our individual and team development. I was almost a junior varsity coach most of the year working daily on the basics of the game," added East.

By the end of the season the team and individuals were playing near their potential which provided some emotional satisfaction for me as a coach," commented East.

Individual efforts were recognized when Dan French, senior, was named Most Valuable Player, and the Best Mental Attitude award was given to Larry Kacmar, senior. Kacmar stated afterwards, "I was honored to be awarded this honor by my coaches. Also, since I was in contention for it against my teammates, whose attitudes were always 110 percent."

— Kara East

Shooting for two, Brian Reeves, senior, shows his impressive form. Reeves was a starter on the varsity squad.





Dave Herbert, senior, drives for the basket against Michigan City Rogers. Herbert lead the team in assists.

Dan French, senior, takes a jump shot against Munster. French was named Most Valuable Player.



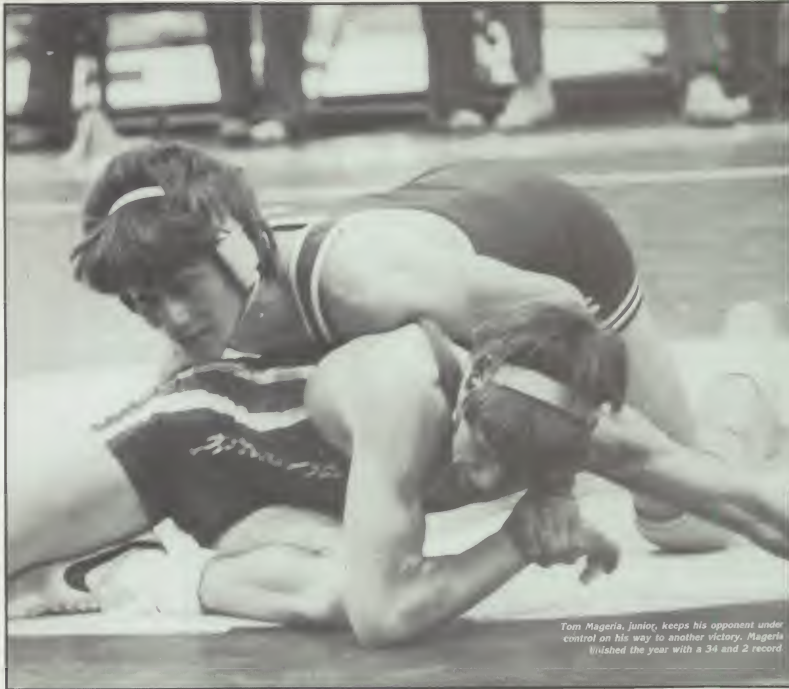
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Varsity — Front Row: Eric Ban, Scott Paska, John Manojlovic, Chris Abel, Scott Terek, Ronics, Steve Nelson, Dan Tomich, Bill Zalkos, Don Slys, coach.
Row: Rob Moore, Kelth Dowdy, Jon Lea, Joel

J.V. Basketball

	MHS	OPP
Lake Station	49	37
Lew Wallace	44	43
West Side	34	45
E.C. Roosevelt	31	35
Andean	42	45
Valparaiso	32	33
Hammond	32	35
Lake Central	43	40
Crown Point	35	28
Lake Central	37	50
Hobart	59	37
Chesterton	38	23
Crown Point	37	31
Munster	38	42
M.C. Rogers	49	44
Portage	37	40
Gary Roosevelt	41	37
Highland	48	36
Highland	48	36
LaPorte	51	54
Lowell	51	28



Tom Mageria, junior, keeps his opponent under control on his way to another victory. Mageria finished the year with a 34 and 2 record.

Photos / Rick

Wrestling — Front Row: Mike Lisch, Jeff Pysh, A.J. Flynn, Tom Mageria, Scott Stevens, Jay Mack, Jack McKinney, Paul Mathews. Back Row: Woody Melcher, coach, Rick Hurey, coach, Terry Gill, Mike Miner, Erik Miner, Don Brant, Bill Truitt, Bret Storey, Andre DuBois, Tom Cameron, coach.

Jay Mack, senior, prepares to escape his opponent in the first round of the semi-state which he won. Mack went on to the state tournament in Indianapolis.



WRESTLING:

On the road to state (again!)

Four wrestlers made the trip to Indianapolis with one goal in mind: winning.

Keeping up their successful tradition, the Pirates finished seventh at state.

The team was lead by seniors, Jay Mack, 143, and Mike Miner, 175, and juniors, Tom Mageria, 30-2, and Erik Miner, 30-2. These four wrestlers qualified for the state meet. With two of them placing, Mageria second and Mack fourth.

Mageria lost a heartbreaker in the championship round. He was taken down with two seconds left and lost by two points. Tom Cameron, coach, said, "It was a close call, it could of gone either way. If the referee hadn't made the call the match would have gone to an overtime."

Mageria said, "I really didn't think it was a setback because you have to be in control of the other wrestlers for two seconds when you take him down. And there was only only two seconds left on the clock so there was no way he got it."

Mack also lost a tough one in the semi-final

round. Mack was leading his match by two points when he was caught in a move called the "spladle." Then, Mack was trapped, and he was rolled on his back and called pinned.

Coach Cameron argued the call and the other referees called it no pin. Although it was a miss call, Mack's opponent was rewarded five points. Mack was unable to come back, and he lost by four points.

Cameron said, "The miss call really took a lot out of Jay mentally and that hurt him to come back to win."

Erik Miner, junior, said, "I credit the team's success this year with the hard work every wrestler put out at practice, and the way every wrestler strived to get better each day."

Coach Cameron agreed that the Pirates were successful "with having so many wrestlers winning 20 matches, and only having one weight class with a losing record."

"When you have so many weight classes winning, you're going to have a successful season," he added.

"I credit the teams success this year with the hard work at practice."

— Jeff St. Germain

Varsity Wrestling

	MHS	OPP
Crown Point	46	11
LaPorte	34	17
Portage	62	5
Andean	68	8
M.C. Rogers	57	8
Plymouth	42	18
Penn	34	14
Kokomo	44	24
Chesterton	39	24
Hobart	32	25
Valpo	42	14
Sectionals	1st	
Regionals	1st	
Semi-state	1st	
State	7th	



J.V. Wrestling — Front Row: Brandon Collins, Chris Karson, Bob Woodburn, John Allen, Greg Thompson, Troy Smith, Chuck Tipton. Second Row: Woody Melcher, coach, Brian Storey, Joe Majcher, Nick Papageorge, Russ Cain, Sam Rodriouez, John McKinney, David Gee, Tom Cameron, coach. Back Row: Rick Hurey, coach, Steve Villiare, John Kouskousakis, John Sandridge, Dan Nunez, Louie Lopez.

Jay Mack, senior, prepares to escape his opponent in the first round of the semi-state competition. Mack went on to win the semi-state at the 126 lb. weight class.

Jumping into the air is Lisa Funder, junior. Funder placed first in the all-around at the meet against Highland.

Gymnastics

	MHS	OPP
Lowell	103.60	67.80
Hobart	99.20	93.85
MC Elston	101.10	60.00
LaPorte	107.50	95.50
Portage	109.20	96.55
Merr. Opt. Invit.	109.40	109.75
Crown Point	110.60	107.40
Chesterton	102.70	104.90
Highland	109.70	89.80
Munster	102.85	55.55

Balancing herself to do a one-handed cartwheel is Karen Dudak, junior. The Pirates had a record of 9-2.



Amy Roberts, sophomore, does her routine on the uneven bars. Roberts qualified to go to the state finals for her performance in floor exercise.



GYMNASTICS:

Kierzkowski takes 2nd in state

The MHS gymnastics team was a very good and strong team in '85', and they should be even better in the years to come.

The optional team qualified for sectionals, but only three gymnasts qualified for state.

Jeanine Kierzkowski, junior, qualified in all-around, Jennifer Ogiedo, sophomore, in all-around, and Amy Roberts, sophomore, in the floor exercise.

Despite a broken thumb she received in the last regular meet of the season, Kierzkowski came home with a second in floor exercise with a score of 9.25. She also tied for sixth in all-around.

Kierzkowski said, "I had hoped to do well. My coach, Diane Roberts, said believe in yourself, and all things are possible."

After MHS's first meet was cancelled, they had the next five consecutive meets, breaking many school records.

Against Lowell, the Pirates had an easy win. They came out on top winning every event. Ogiedo and DeAnna McPherson, sophomore, were all-around winners. Renee Mishler set a record with a 9.6 in vaulting.

The Pirates won decisively against Munster. Denise Vazquez, freshman, won a four event sweep and the all-around title. She also set a school record in beam with a 9.4.

Against Crown Point, the optional team set a school record with a 110.60 score. Ogiedo won the optional all-around.

McPherson set another mark in the intermediate floor exercise with a 9.75, which broke her own mark of 9.55. Kierzkowski took firsts in floor exercises, beam and all-around.

McPherson stated, "I was very excited when I set that record. It was my last performance of the season, and I wanted to end it the best I could."

She also added, "I will be moving up to the next level next year, and I feel it might hurt my scores considerably."

MHS placed second in conference with a 5-1 record. The only loss was to Chesterton, who finished first.

At the Merrillville Optional Invitation, MHS placed second. State winning Fort Wayne, just clinched a win by just .35 of a point. Amy Roberts placed first on the floor with a 9.4. Kierzkowski set a record of 9.35 on beam but that was only good for a second. And, Vazquez finished fourth in all-around.

The optional team kept improving their scores all season. They set another school record in optional with a total score of 109.40.

"Overall, we did real well. We are a real young team, and we competed with many injuries," said Kierzkowski. She also added, "We will be ready next year!"

— Deanna Riese

"Overall, we did real well. We are a real young team, and we competed with many injuries."

Karen Kasprzak balances herself on the balance beam. The Pirates broke many school records during the regular season.



Gymnastics — Front Row: Dawn Hebert, DeAnna McPherson, Denise Vazquez. Second Row: Lisa Funder, Karen Dudak, Edie Phillips, Michelle Dudack, Jeanine Kierzkowski. Third Row: Bill Roberts, coach, Karen Kasprzak, Jennifer Ogiedo, Frankie Kowal, Shelly Schrieber, Diane Roberts, coach. Back Row: Stecy Plesha, Amy Roberts, Renee Mishler.



Paul Tripkowski, junior, tries to block his opponent from scoring a goal. The Pirates had a 6-6 season.

Softball

	MHS	OPP
Hobart	10	7
Thornwood	0	4
Portage	9	0
LaPorte	3	4
Valparaiso	17	2
M.C. Rogers	9	4
Chesterton	6	2
Hobart	1	0
Portage	11	2
Munster	12	3
LaPorte	18	12
St. Joe	18	1
St. Joe	5	3
Valparaiso	7	4
Andean	5	6
Hammond Morton	15	0
M.C. Rogers	5	2
Chesterton	5	4
Lafayette Jeff	2	1
S.B. Washington	5	2



photos/Zawada



Colleen Collins, freshman, shows her perfect pitching form. Collins helped the Pirates to a Duneland Conference title.



Showing her hitting power, Julie Joseforsky, sophomore, sends one to center field. Joseforsky was the catcher for the Pirates.

SOFTBALL-SOCCER:

Girls participate in first sectional

Duneland Conference Champs! The Merrillville girls softball team combined for a 11-1 conference record to take the first Duneland title awarded for the sport.

Mary Kate Hill, junior, said, "Winning conference was one of our main goals set for the season. It was a great achievement to win it."

The Pirate's efforts proved to be a dominating force which included a season record of 7-3. Leading the season in victories were pitcher Candy Rathjen and outfielder Jenny Bailey, juniors.

One of the high points of the season was the 5-4 win over the Chesterton Trojans. "In that particular game, we performed well, both defensively and offensively, which we have not done consistently through our season," stated Bailey. "This game gave us the mental

uplift we needed going into sectionals."

However, the soccer team did not share in the girl's success.

The MHS soccer team had a record of 6-6, but that was no indication on how the season went. George Mavros, senior, said, "Some of the games were really close and could have gone either way." He added, "Unfortunately, some of the games did not turn out to our advantage."

"The team is fairly young and should have a brighter future," stated Branko Jasnic, junior.

The team's highlight of the season was their first win against Hammond High, 11-2. Mavros said, "This win really helped our confidence. We knew we could win if the team just concentrated and believed in ourselves."

— Kara East, Deanna Riese

The team is fairly young and should have a brighter future



Soccer

	MHS	OPP
E.C. Washington	0	3
Andean	0	4
Hammond High	11	2
Munster	0	5
Lake Central	2	3
Valparaiso	5	4
Chesterton	3	2
Lew Wallace	10	1
Wirt	4	1
Highland	0	2
Griffith	0	4
Portage	0	3



Soccer — Front Row: Nick Zairis, Pekka Lehtinen, Terry Wood, George Zaronias, Savo Cucuz, Nick Knesich, Second Row: Angel Estrada, Marco Perez, Savo Micic, Marty Primich, Kelley Kaurich, George Mavros, Paul Trpkovski, Manny Garcia, Kevin Hamer, Back Row — Drew Furness, coach, Dragic Micic, Alex Stojanovski, Branko Jasnic, Jovo Manojlovic, Tim Sowles, Bob Gasich, Rick Hurey, coach.

Softball — Front Row: Tony Banashak, Mary Kate Hill, Lori Tubbs, Patty Spitz, Christy Lynn, Julie Joseforsky, Kristi Wright, Kathy Arneson, Linda Gagola, Candy Rathjen, Back Row: Pat Mulloy, coach, April Jurasevich, Pam Wilczynski, Colleen Collins, Jenny Bailey, Gina Flaherty, Susan Spitz, Joe Starkey, coach, Terry Molloy, manager.

TRACK:

Individuals pace Lady Pirates

When the snow is on the ground in the middle of the winter, most people are home under the blankets keeping warm, except for the Merrillville girls track team.

Chris Cunningham, junior, said, "We start practice in November, and it lasts until the end of our track season. The conditioning was really tough especially when it is below zero outside."

All the dedication and time paid off as the youthful Pirates ran their way to a 8-3 record. Led by first year coach Jack Neulip and field event coach Joe Atria, the Pirates took second in both the Duneland Conference and in

sectionals.

One regional qualifier Ana Lopez, said, "I felt I did well individually. As for the team, I felt we were not as good as previous years, but we were a young team and should be good next year."

Individual efforts were highlighted for three specific girls who qualified for the state track meet.

All three were field event members. In discus, Reagan Plesha, sophomore, qualified for the state. Tossing their way to represent MHS in the shot put were Ana Lopez, senior, and Jennifer Ogiego, sophomore.

— Kara East



Girls Track — Front Row: Liz Martinez, Angie Luna, Becky Stewart, Nikki Modrak, Diane Metcalfe, Renee Mishler, Ana Lopez, Allison McCollum, Chrissy Figueroa, Sherry Guernsey. Second Row: Carol Stanlik, Chris Daniels, Kathi Crowder, Chris Cunningham, Amy Roberts, Stacy Plesha, Lisa

Navarro, Wendy Eaton, Robin Sanko. Back Row: Janie Harper, Jack Neulip, coach, Sonya Hytche, Deanean Gallo, Cara Caribine, Reagan Plecha, Susan Christos, Jennifer Ogiego, Sharon Daniels, Joe Atria, coach.



ix Martinez, junior, agonizes as she rounds the turn.
Martinez ran the mile for the Pirates.



Nikki Modrak, freshman, hands the baton to anchor runner Deanna Gallo, junior. Modrak and Gallo were members of the 400 relay team.

Girls Track

	MHS	OPP
LaPorte	68	41
Hobart	56	53
Valparaiso	54	64
Portage	64	45
Andrean	54	55
Lake Central	50	59
M.C. Rogers	84	25
Chesterton	61.5	47.5

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Getting an early lead from the starting blocks, junior Deanna Gallo looks to the finish line. Gallo qualified for the regionals in the 100-yard dash.

Stecy Plesha, senior, and Sherry Gurnsey, sophomore, run over the hurdles toward the finish line. Plesha is a three-year letter winner.

TRACK:

Neil Eubank wins state with record

A lifetime dream finally came true after Neil Eubank, senior, won state on his third attempt with a toss of 64 feet $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ inches, a new state record.

"I was very happy to win state because I worked so hard to obtain the state record," stated Eubank.

His accomplishments did not stop here, Eubank also went on to place second in the discus with a throw of 180 feet and 1 inch.

Eubank wasn't the only one to participate in the meet. There were juniors Brad Curcio and Mike Demakas. Curcio qualified for the finals by beating his own personal best, with a time of 37.39. He placed fourth in the state in the 200 meter low hurdles.

Lafey Armontrout, coach, said, "I was real

glad to see them both place because they both put in so much effort to get here."

With the combination of these two the Pirates tied for 6th in the State meet.

Also the team finished second in conference and third in sectional and regionals.

The team had several people who set records at conference.

They were Eubank in the discus, 183 feet; Fred Summers, junior, in the high hurdles, 14.54 seconds; and Curcio in the low hurdles, 37.78 seconds.

— Jeff St. Germain, Kara East

Gregg Schuster, senior, clears 6 feet in a meet against Valpo. Schuster went on to place second with a jump of 6 feet 2 inches.



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Boys Track — Front Row: Mike Klevickas, Andy Hebert, Dan Bellovary, Brad Curcio, Bill Traaska, Ron Malhoffer, Darrin Deboy, Jim Dimitri, Jim Curtis, John Paschalis, Frank Erfurth.

Second Row: Mike Morris, Doug Maller, Doug Langbehn, Mike Naspinski, Gregg Schuster, Fred Summers, Mike Macchia, Dennis Bunda, Mike Demakas, Phil Sopczak, Rob Schultz, Loni Schreiber, Don Deal.

Back Row: Katie Lear, Lafey Armontrout, coach, Brian Kalof, Don Rogers, Louie Lopez, John Otterbacher, Neil Eubank, Dan Gomeriak, Chuck Scates, Darrell Mallory, Dan Molchan, coach, Gregg Pearson, coach.

Chuck Scates, freshman, gives his best as MHS went on to beat Valpo.





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Track

	MHS	OPP
Andrean	84	43
Chesteron	65	62
LaPorte	99	27
Gary Roosevelt	54 1/2	71 1/2
Hobart	94	33
Valparaiso	50	77
Portage	50	77
Michigan City Rogers	90	37
Conference	2nd	
Sectional	3rd	
Regional	3rd	
State	6th (tie)	



Mike Naspinski, freshman, shows his pole vaulting technique. The Pirates went on to finish second in the conference.

Releasing the state's best shot put throw, Neil Eubank, senior, follows through to win the conference meet. Neil went on to set a new record at the state meet of 64 feet and 3/4 inches.



Tom Martin, senior, and the umpire both await the pitch against Duneland Conference foe Portage.

Mark Schmidt, senior, shoots for the strike zone at a home game as Jeff St. Germain, senior, awaits the outcome.



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BASEBALL:

Pirates finish season over .500

The Pirate baseball team began the season with a 4-1 victory over Lowell. They then battled to a 6-0 record.

"Starting off 6-0 might not have been the best thing for us, we might have been a little over confident," stated Jeff St. Germain, senior.

The tide did in fact turn, and they lost to highly touted LaPorte and were swept in a double header by West Side.

"After playing solid baseball for six straight games, we suddenly made a lot of errors, causing us to lose three straight," commented Mark Schmidt, senior.

The Pirates finished the regular season 16-

12 and were 3rd in conference.

The hitting stars this season were Schmidt, Mark Krutz, senior, and St. Germain.

They batted .371, .350, and .342 respectively.

As for the pitchers, Tim O'Shea, junior, Krutz, and Schmidt all fared well.

Schmidt lead the team with 33 strike outs, while O'Shea lead with the best earned run average.

"Even though we didn't win as many games as we would have liked to, we still finished four games above .500 and had a good time doing it," stated Krutz.

— Matt Naspinski, Tina Carrigan



Dan French, senior, ready for action as Mark Krutz, senior.

"Starting off 6-0 might not have been the best thing for us, we might have been a little over confident."



Baseball — Front Row: Rob Moore, Patty Nichola, Brian Singer, Dave Scott, Dan Jenks, Jeff St. Germain, Tim O'Shea, Chris Cochran, Andy Wyllie, Gary Conn. Back Row: Coach Bill

Metcalf, Coach Wilshire, Brett St. Germain, Mark Schmidt, Dan French, Tom Martin, Chris Tobias, Mark Krutz, Corky Kersteff, Steve Civanich.

Baseball

	MHS	OPP
Lowell	4	1
Gary West	2	2
Hobart	5	2
Gary Roosevelt	11	10
Portage	7	3
Andean	5	0
	10	2
LaPorte	2	3
Gary West	2	3
	5	6
Valparaiso	9	3
Hammond High	6	3
	12	2
M.C. Rogers	8	2
Chesterton	2	6
Crown Point	0	3
	5	1
Hobart	13	1
Portage	2	8
LaPorte	2	4
Evanson-New Trier	2	3
	4	9
Rensselaer	12	2
North Newton	2	0
Valparaiso	0	4
M.C. Rogers	6	5
Chesterton	4	1
Hammond Noll	3	6
Munster	3	4

CLASSES

It's All Here!

The Academic Hall of Fame is growing every year.

MHS's academic program continues to prove
It's All Here.

The math department still holds the math clinic after school and in the evenings to give students the extra help they need.

Dave Herbert, senior, commented, "The math clinic definitely helped me pass my Algebra class."

MHS's computer program continues to grow and attract more students.

Sam Dalkilic, junior, stated, "The jobs in the future will definitely involve computers. I think our computer classes are a big benefit."

The academic club involvement also reflects the students' outlook of MHS's academics. Participation in the Foreign Language, Science, Creative Arts, and Key Club, a science-oriented club, continues to grow.
It's All Here when it comes to MHS academics.



Enjoying individual help, Diana Metcalf, junior, receives extra assistance from Tom Feeny, math teacher. Mr. Feeny teaches geometry and algebra.



Cake decorating has become a very popular class over the past few years. Putting the finishing touches on her cake is Jennifer Larson, senior.

Working diligently on his Applied Design project is Eric McHugh, sophomore.

Grace Bovard, business teacher, helps Angie Zatellini, senior, on her next assignment. Keyboarding will be a big help to many students in the future.

Putting in some last minute studying for their Survey of Literature test is Mick Comerford and Lisa Modrak, Juniors.

Copying her assignment in Survey of Literature class is Michelle Sposato, sophomore. Survey of Literature is a required class taken by most sophomores.



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Cheryl Fossey, senior, displays a visual project in her speech class. Cheryl prepared the chart to assist her speech on the function of the heart.

The English department seems to be reaching out to individual characteristics by expanding itself and offering a variety of classes.

Many colleges require eight semesters of English because of the numerous compositions and research papers involved not only in English classes, but in others as well.

Basic composition is a required class for high school graduates. If the English department feels that you have ability in writing, you may be placed in intermediate composition your sophomore year.

Many college-bound students go one step

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further and take advanced composition. This is a one-semester class which involves a more advanced style of writing. The first nine weeks prepares students for the term paper in which they will be involved in throughout the second quarter of the semester.

This paper requires tremendous effort and dedication. Many evenings and weekends are spent in the periodical room of the library.

"I can't say I enjoy the work on the term paper, but I did have a topic that interested me, and it made the work seem easier," explained Pardus, senior. (cont. pg. 107)



Creative Arts Club — Front Row: Linda Christoff, sponsor, Mike Bondra, Dan Rose, Carl

Jiminez. Second Row: Tony Velovski, Laura LeCounte, Barb Hippie, Chris Plaine,



Yearbook — Front Row: Tiffini Crownover, Karen Dudak, Dawn Bell, Jeanine Kierzkowski, Kara East. Second Row: Robin Sanko, Angie Traficante, Sherry D'Asto, Julie Zale, Deanna Riese, Tina Carrigan. Third Row: Amy Stooksbury, Linda Elsner, Denise Rogers, Bill

Gornick, Natalie Coyle, Shawna Eberle, Gina Gornick. Back Row: Kris Zimnawoda, Marianne Berger, Jeff St. Germain, Greg Schuster, Rich Dyman, Matt Naspinski, Rich Hernandez, Sharin Piggot.



Pete Roustollas, senior, listens attentively to a lesson in journalism. The class teaches students practical skills in writing, editing and interviewing.



*Photo Staff — Front Row: Bob Nicksic, Andrea Kawicki.
Back Row: Paul Zawada, Tom Martin, Jack McKinney.*



Newspaper Staff — Front Row: Karen Pearson, Jay Anderson, Robin O'Deen, Susie Lax. Second Row: Lynn Huddleston, Margaret Gianikos, Denise Beztek, Kelly Ellch, Becky Wirtz. Back Row: Bill Satnan, Eric Michael, Mark Thompson, Dave Herbert, Veronica Garza.

Advanced Composition requires a lot of hard work and dedication. Laura Hanas, senior, takes time out in the library to do some research.



The work is divided into categories — deciding on a topic, notecards, outline, rough draft and the term paper.

"The hardest part for me was writing the rough draft because you had to write the whole paper in less than a week," Nadene Sawyer, senior, commented.

The biggest fears of these students are losing their information and the dreaded "PLAGERISM" — the word that makes everyone's heart beat a little faster. The result of this accusation is an automatic "zero" on the paper which accounts for 50 percent of the nine week grade.

What is plagiarism? It is using three con-

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secutive words of another source without giving that source the credit for the information. It can also be using someone else's idea without giving them the credit.

Aside from all the trouble and work one must go through in this class, it is very beneficial for all college-bound students.

Mark Flanagan, senior, added, "I would recommend this class to students who plan to go to college. The class teaches you how to write many different styles of papers. The term paper was a beneficial experience because college professors assume you know how to write one and will not assist you."

— Denise Rogers



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Linda Schmidt, sophomore, copies sentences off the board in English class.

Describing sentence structure is Richard Ebler, English teacher. Mr. Ebler teaches basic composition and others.

Each year, the government classes do projects covering elections. These projects enable students to get a clearer concept of all things involved in elections — from media coverage to the actual voting process.

In Pat Mulloy's government class, the seniors made up their own candidates. They characterized these make-believe people with political experience, professional experience, educational and personal background and political achievements and weaknesses.

Michelle Broda, senior, commented, "The project we did in my government class helped me evaluate the official candidates running for public office."

"It was a good experience for future voters"

Mary Anne Galanis, government teacher, chose precinct committeemen who chose candidates from the other classmen.

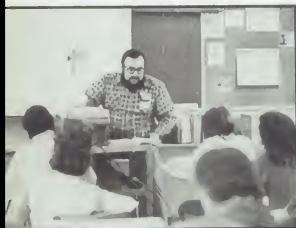
These candidates prepared speeches and

presented them to their fellow classmates who in turn voted for the candidate they believed would make the best president. In one of her classes, Julie Zale and Ray Radjevich, seniors, opposed each other in a class election. Zale was the victor.

Donna Vasquez, senior, said, "I'm sure the election we held in our class will help all of us choose the best candidate when we vote specially in the future."

Buzzy Underwood, democratic party leader, agreed. "It was a good experience for future voters."

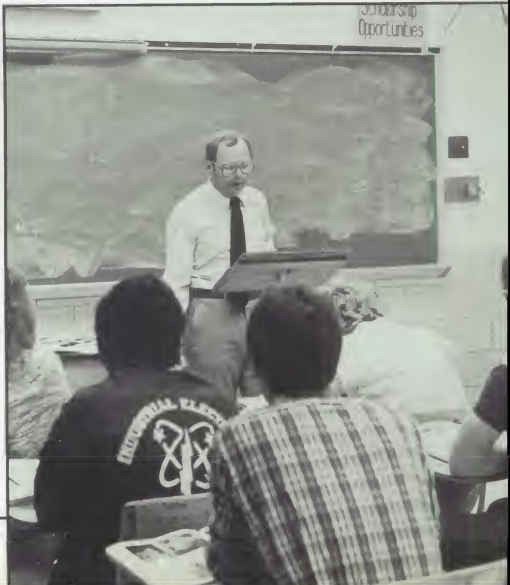
— Denise Ro



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Jim Edgecomb, Advanced Placement U.S. History teacher, lectures his students and gives them guidelines for studying. Students are required to take a placement test in order to take this class.

Pat Mulloy, government teacher, offers words of wisdom to his government class. He is also the sponsor for Student Council.

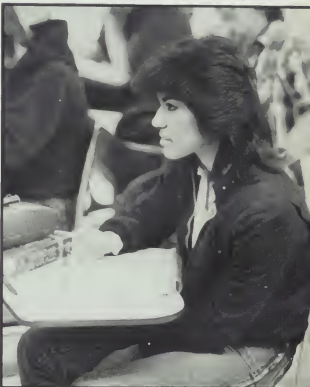


Scholarship Opportunities

Mike Miner, senior, listens carefully to his government teacher. Miner is also a member of a mock-election congress in his class.



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Anna Garza, junior, takes notes as her history teacher lectures the class. U.S. History is a requirement to all students for graduation.

U.S. Representative, Pete Visclosky, visited Mary Ann Galanis's and Pat Mulloy's government classes on Nov. 21. Visclosky was elected into office on Nov. 6.

Social Studies

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Everybody enjoys music, and people like making music. Over three hundred students were enrolled in a music class.

Dawn Bell, senior, said, "I took band because I like music, and I've been in band for a long time."

There are several courses offered from the music department. Some of these classes are band, orchestra, choir and theory. Attendance for all the public performances and practices were mandatory for students enrolled in these music classes.

These classes required hard work and dedication to do well.

Cheri Kelley, junior, said, "I practiced my clarinet a couple of hours a week because I wanted to be good."

Becky Brooks, junior, said, "It took a lot of

"It takes a strong will, but also, some amount of talent to be good with a musical instrument."

self discipline to be in band because you have to practice on your own time."

Kevin Lockridge, junior, said, "It takes strong will, but also, some amount of talent to be good with a musical instrument."

Orchestra was one of the classes offered MHS. This course covered string and full orchestra literature from the past to present.

Lisa Tidwell, junior, said, "I liked taking orchestra because I learned about different types of music."

Also, there are many opportunities to perform in the All-State Orchestra and the Northwest Indiana Youth Symphony.

— Amy Stookst

Sue Williams, band director, conducts the concert band at the Winter Pops Concert.



Concert Band - Front Row: Dawn Bell, Wendi Minninger, Mary Kay Hovanec, Cheryl Vana, Alicia Rios, Donna Vazquez, Karol Krawczyk, Janet Stewart, Sue Winovich, Dawn Bowman, Lori Singer. **Second Row:** Kim Pachapa, Cheri Kelley, Amy Roberts, Penny Machnik, Kristi Irwin, Josie Arena, Jackie Mohamed, Brian Tomb, Jill Groff, Chrissie Villaire. **Third Row:** Mary Arena, Jennifer

Giacomin, Tammy Vanscoyk, Jamie Edwards, Mike Ramos, Bill Zart, Lynn Drennan, Karen Kasprzak, Karen Kostyal, Kristin Parsons, Bob Hetzer. **Back Row:** Linda Walsh, Becky Brooks, Collette Lindborg, Mark Spencer, Mark Dustman, John Sekuloski, Joe Spurlock, Kevin Lockridge, Tracy Koenig, Jennifer Bigelow, Robin Benson, Mary Kozielski.



Zawada



Concert Band — Front Row: Jim Spot, Andrea Erler, John Yerga, Linda Gosola, Phil Gill, Angie Donahue, Jim Cox, Margie Heschliman. Second Row: Dave Magry, Nick Zairis, Tim Benson, George Doherty, Lonnie Schreiber, Dave Vaura, Bill Satnan, Mike Kleuckas, Karen Johnson. Third Row: Brian Lepley, Jeff Lee, Bill Wilkison,

Jason Neff, Ralph Guerrero, Dan Dockwiler, Mike Peterson, Paul Kasprzak, Jason Mikula, Mark Lieber, Bill Daniel. Back Row: Steve Villaire, Scott Reder, Jim Marando, Mark Runholt, Scott Otterbacher, Steve Simmons, Lee Musser, Constantine Spiridis, Joe Olivadoti, Ron McBrayer.



Jazz Band — Front Row: John Yerga, Bob Hertzner, Brian Tomb, Phil Gill, Mike Ramos. Second Row: Lynn Drennan, Bill Satnan, Dave Magry, Mark Lieber, Bill Zart, Chrissie Villaire. Third Row: Mark Runholt, Jim Marando, Scott

Reder, Steve Villaire, Ralph Guerrero, Paul Kasprzak, Bill Wilkison. Back Row: Brian Lepley, Mark Dustman, Steve Simmons, John Sekuloski, Mike Peterson, Constantine Spiridis.

The high school band did a wide range of things. The band competed in several of the state music contests, and public school concerts were given throughout the year.

Bill Zart, sophomore, said, "Most band members did well at the solo band contest in January. We practiced for about a month."

The purpose of the pep band was to entertain and instill spirit in the crowd at football and basketball games.

Katie Lear, junior, said, "The pep band helped promote school spirit by cooperating with the pom-poms and the cheerleaders."

The mixed choir was composed of sophomores, juniors and seniors. The choir class developed the students vocal technique and

"The choir concert I saw was great. They sang well, and I enjoyed it."

appreciation of music.

According to Jerauld Reinhart, director, acceptance into a choir class is by either recommendation or audition.

At least eight concerts were performed by the MHS choir.

Tammy Erdeles, junior, said, "The choir concerts were a lot of fun to perform in, but the practices were hard."

John Sutka, junior, said, "The choir concert I saw was great. They sang well, and I enjoyed it."

Overall, MHS puts as much emphasis on musical development of its students as it does on their educational preparation.

— Amy Stooksbury



Concert Choir — Front Row: Shirley Price, Pam Basile, Kathy Murphy, Tina Bryant, Jennifer Potter, Tracy Goodman, Adrienne Viramontes, Mia Brownwell, Bobbi Conn, Maria Pavot, Donna Dogan, Darlene Woods. Second Row: Claudia Doernte, Sue Moore, Luanne Thomas, Tim Fish, Albert Kirk, Bob McGukin, Phil Pardus, Dan Rose, Paul DeStafano, Carol Gruber, Teresa Silva, Angie Garcia, Beth Bowen. Third Row: Taru

Niemi, Beth Jasiak, Kelly Elich, Tammy Erdelles, Arty Parpart, Dan Proctor, Onofrio Olivadoti, Jared Riddle, Paul Tomak, Rob Wright, Danette Guzman, Lori Equihua, Lynn Huddleston, Diane Bellamy. Back Row: Kathy Woods, Missy McCroskey, Deanna Froman, Barb Parks, Roman Kirby, Ronald Kirby, Terry Eck, Kevin Pederson, Jeff Maloney, Jeff Brown, Renea Miller, Vicky Frey, Sherry Fraley, Lynn Levenson.



Orchestra — Front Row: Melissa Stefanovich, Lori Cook, Shally Plomaritis. Second Row: Renee Mishler, Sonja Trajkovski, Charlotte Boyd, Cathy

Erdelac, Tamara Levenson, Dana Eby. Back Row: Tom Mitchell, director, Karen Depta, Lisa Tidwell, Tony Zaradich, Dawn Porter, Mallori Kozak.



At a football game, Mark Runholt, sophomore, leads the band in the National Anthem.

Trying to keep in step, Bill Daniel, junior, and Steve Villaire, sophomore, march to the beat of their drums.



While keeping his eyes on the music sheet, Tony Zaradich, junior, keeps the rhythm on his base.

Many students have found that college tuition is very expensive. However, the cost can be cut by testing out of a few credit hours in a foreign language.

The test must be taken before enrollment in a college course. Kathy Woods, senior, said, "By testing out of some credits, I could take more classes and save money."

Many students that receive average grades in a language often do well on the test. Irene Spiro, French teacher, said, "I would advise all students to at least take the test. Most will be surprised at how much they do know."

Also, there are benefits that accompany taking a foreign language. When applying for a job, it is good to have an awareness of a language. Cathie Malocha, senior, said, "It's good that you can take the classes now and not pay for them. Also, a foreign language is helpful in any area in study."

"I plan on taking the exam in order to skip some of the basic Spanish classes in college, so I can start right away on the advanced courses."

Eric Michael, senior, said, "I plan on taking the exam in order to skip some of the basic Spanish classes in college, so I can start right away on the advanced college courses. And I pass the exam, I'll meet Purdue's foreign language requirements and that will open up schedule for other electives."

Some college degrees call for a foreign language. Linda Davis, guidance counselor, said, "Many colleges require a foreign language humanities. If the course was taken in high school, most often you will be exempt from the college level. The rules vary with different colleges. Also, business is a good area to have another language. It often gives a person an edge when applying for a job."

— Angle Traffic

While in deep thought, Mike Machia, senior, has his pencil ready for when the brainstorm hits.



Sheri Sohackl, John Garcia, Paul DeStefano, and Jenny Gomerac, juniors, are working on a project. They are enrolled in Spanish 5 & 6.

Irene Spiro, French teacher, gives explicit details to Christine Sarantis, junior, on an assignment.





Spanish Honorary Club: Front Row — Mary Jefferies, sponsor, Manny Garcia, Allison Dakich, Julie Gutjahr, Larry Kacmar. Second Row — Karen McKay, Bonnie Bowman, Josie Arena.

Third Row — Cheryl Graeber, Doug Gough, Cheryl Fossey. Back Row — Shelly Kuzemka, Diane Clochina, Kim Boatner.



French Club: Front Row — Lena Karabetos, Julie Fratzke, Nadene Sever, Karen Pearson, Irene Spiro, sponsor. Second Row — Valerie Pappas, Liz Budner, Mary Kalogeras, Chriss Childress, Kim Pachapa. Third Row — Cathie Malocha, Jean Ferkull, Helen Lalios, Tammy Barkauskas. Fourth Row — Vera Todrovich, Lisa Tidwell, Melissa Hicks, Josie Cammarata. Fifth Row — Laura Kapitan, Kris Zimnowoda, Sharon Daniel, Diane Jolveski. Sixth Row — Martha Christos, Michelle Matunas, Collette Lindorg, Judy Rendina. Seventh Row — Rhoda Micic, Anna Dalveski, Karen Eyrich. Back Row — Paul Zawada, Taru Niemi, Isabelle Zezovski, Dave Maddack.



German Club: Front Row — Ray Hamilton, sponsor, Sonja Trajkovski, Steve Osaba, Shirley Price, Lynn Drennan. Second Row — Val Nicksic, Christine Daniel, Kathy Ford. Third Row — David Yawker, Bob Heitzner, Jill Stamer. Fourth Row — Bill Lorentz, Susie Bills, Rob Moore, Linda Walsh. Fifth Row — Mike Mallory, Jeff Kennedy, Jerry Miller, Vakis Potamianos. Back Row — Tony Velovski, Alex Stofoski, John Tavaras, Ray Radjenovich.

"There is supposed to be a designated class in which students who fail the test are placed."

The math department at MHS extends from general math courses to calculus, the highest level of high school arithmetic.

Every year, juniors take a fundamental math placement test during one of their history periods. "I enjoyed taking the math test because it was easy and it took up one of our history hours," Chrissy Perez, junior, said with a smile.

If one scores 60 percent or higher, he or she is not required to take any further math courses. If, however, the student does not pass this test, he or she is required to take a remedial math class.

"There is supposed to be a designated class in which students who fail this test are

placed. But, as it stands, some are placed here and some are placed there," commented

Max Hutchison, math department chairman.

Paul Schuyler, principal, is in charge of the fundamental math test and the placement of these students.

Kris Zimnawoda, junior, stated, "The test was so easy. Almost everyone should have passed it."

Informal geometry is a new course in the math department. This is the second year it has been offered to MHS students. It is a slower form of geometry, but is not disregarded by colleges. This class counts as one credit per semester. It can also be considered by many colleges and universities as a prerequisite.

— Denise Rogers



Candy Rathjen, junior, giggles at one of the questions on her trigonometry test.

Max Hutchison, calculus teacher, takes time out to go over the homework assignment with his students.

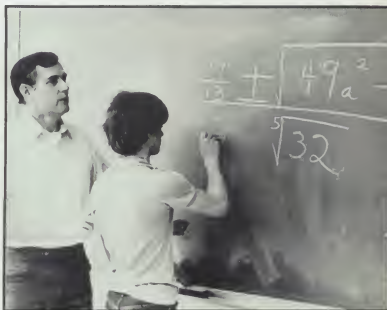




Jeff Morris, sophomore, quickly calculates a mind boggler in Cliff Fackler's college algebra class.



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Tom Feeney, algebra teacher, demonstrates to Terry Miller, junior, how to use the quadratic formula.

Pre-algebra students try to concentrate as the warm weather sets in.

Although many students are finding that writing and saving a program isn't as easy as it seems, computer programming is becoming a major course at MHS.

Most students agreed that computers is a necessary class to take. Chris Sobczak, junior, said, "Computers are important in our society. Therefore, I feel it is necessary to learn to operate them."

Other students found that saving a program can be aggravating. Benay Kirk, senior, said, "Computer is a very useful class, but it's very frustrating when the Muppet won't

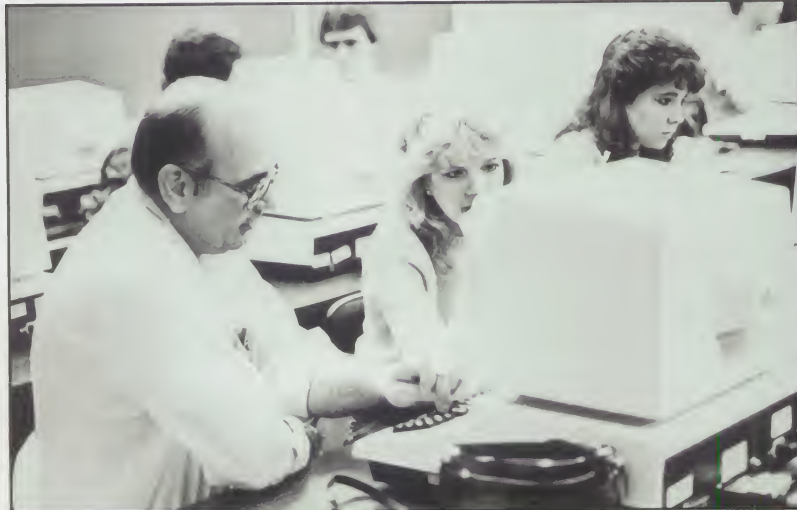
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Some students feel that it's an important class to take, but the concept takes a little bit longer to grasp. Tom Midgett, junior, said, "Computer class is educational, but it is rather hard to comprehend what's really going on."

Many students agreed that the most frustrating point is typing in the program. Patty Trzaska, senior, said, "After the program is typed in, the worst part is expecting it to run when all you get is a syntax error."

— Angie Traficante



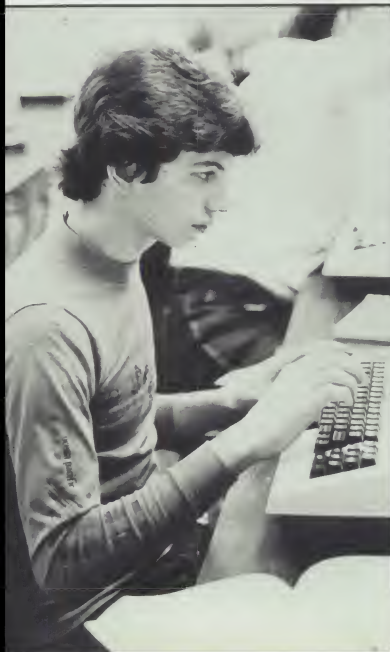
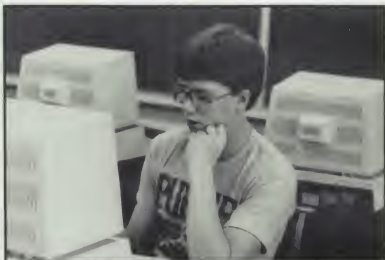
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Sandy Braun, senior, concentrates on the advice given to her by Ray Mixell, computer teacher.



While typing in a program, Jim Spott, junior, keeps his eyes open for errors. He is enrolled in the Basic I computer class.

Taking a moment to analyze his program, Kevin Huber, senior, tries to figure out what he did wrong.



Double checking as he types in his program, Bob Woodburn, sophomore, goes back to fix a misspelled word. The class operates on Commodore computers.



While showing an error to Chrissy Perez, Brian Singer, juniors, and Dawn Capp, senior, Violet Schmuck, computer teacher, explains how to fix the error. These students are using a Commodore 64 computer.

In Earth Science class, Bryan McKay, sophomore, concentrates on his reading assignment. Earth Science deals with the study of the earth.



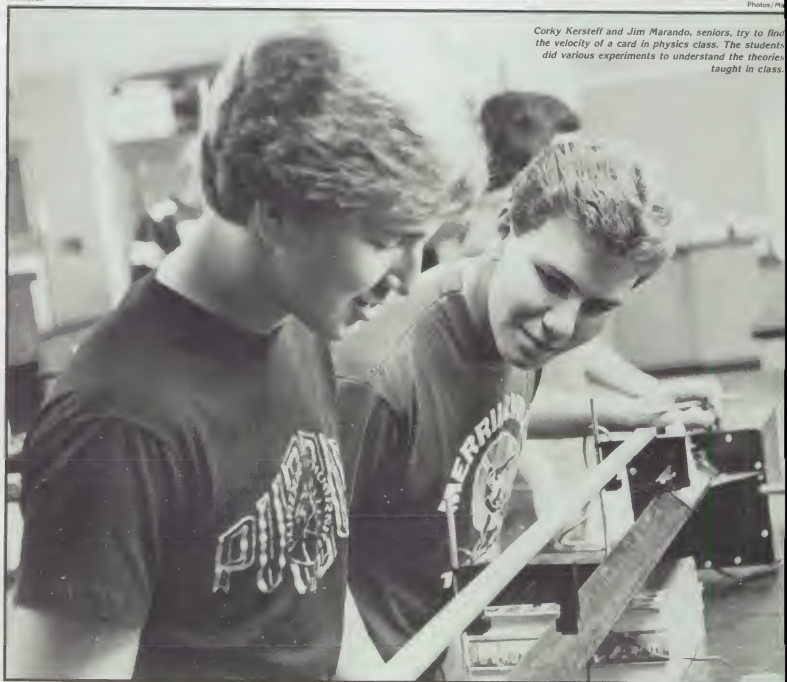
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Explaining how to use an air track, Jim Vermillion, science teacher, shows how the simple device measures velocity.



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Corky Kersteff and Jim Marando, seniors, try to find the velocity of a card in physics class. The students did various experiments to understand the theories taught in class.



Do you know what NaCl is? You would if you have taken a science class at MHS.

Biology, chemistry and physics are some of the subjects offered to those students who want to pursue a career in science.

Biology is the study of people, plants and animals. Students learn the concepts of biology when doing dissection labs.

Also, this course lets students do something different from the regular classroom activities. Dissection labs are done in an informal atmosphere.

Often, students do more than dissect the animal specimen.

Jerry Bratcher, science teacher, said, "These labs are for dissecting, not for ripping, hacking or dismembering."

"Chemistry helped me learn the basic skill of problem solving."

Dissection labs are done to understand the concepts of biology.

Karen Binns, junior, said, "Although dissecting was gross, I liked the labs because I learned about the system of many animals."

Larry Kacmar, senior, stated, "Dissection labs made it easier to remember and learn what I was studying in biology."

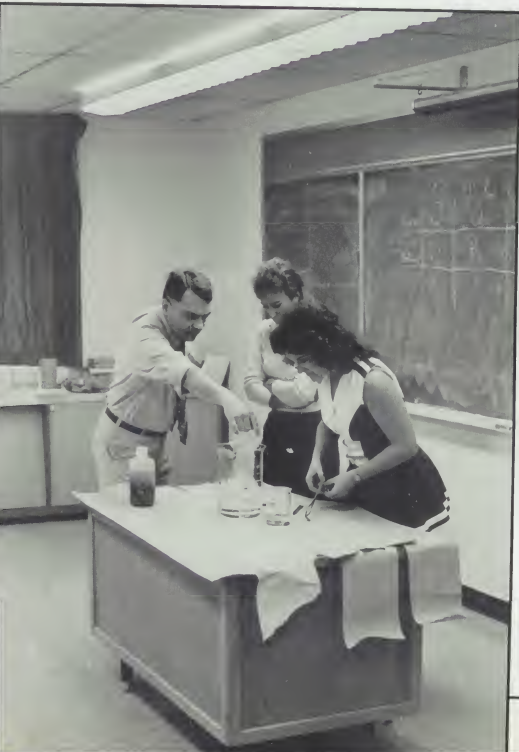
Something new was done this year in chemistry and physics. The classes used their experimental data from labs they had done and plotted graphs on a microcomputer.

Danny Tsataros, junior, said, "Chemistry helped me learn the basic skill of problem solving."

Also, the Science Department provided an understanding of the physical world by working in the lab and listening to lectures.

By the way, NaCl is common table salt.

— Amy Stooksbury



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Mark Seeley, science teacher, points out a sodium reaction to Vera Todorovich and Dawn Porter, sophomores. Later, as expected, the reaction exploded.

Carefully, Larry Kacmar, senior, studies how to use the air track. The physics classes often do experimental labs.



Karen Eyrich, senior, looks up a student's schedule in the alphabetical files in the guidance office. Karen is one of the many aides that assist the counselors.

Linda Davis, guidance counselor, and Greg Akers, senior, decide what classes he should enroll in next semester.





Dorothy Hogan, secretary, shows a guidance aide, Donna Plumb, senior, how to read the student schedules.

Drew Furness, guidance counselor, explains the first day procedures to the sophomores on Orientation Day.



The guidance office at MHS helped students in many ways. The student body is aided by their counselors in their social, educational and personal development.

Not only do the counselors handle scheduling, testing and parent conferences, but also, they assist in the awareness of college scholarships and financial aid programs.

Sherman Lewis, guidance director, said, "I recommend that all students get some sort of training after high school to be more successful and happier in life."

Dee Hill, senior, said, "Mr. Lewis has helped me prepare for interviews with the administration offices of my chosen colleges."

The guidance department not only benefits the students, but also it helps the teachers. When a student is ill for three or more days the guidance office arranges the

"Mr. Lewis has helped me prepare for interviews with the administration offices of my chosen colleges."

students' homework to be sent home. In this way, the teacher will not have to put in extra time giving assignments to the student when he returns.

Richard Hill, math teacher, said, "The guidance office sends down a form for the student who is sick. I write down the assignments for that week and send it back to them."

Shirley Matysiak, guidance counselor, said, "The time I spend with each student varies. I do interview each student at least twice a year."

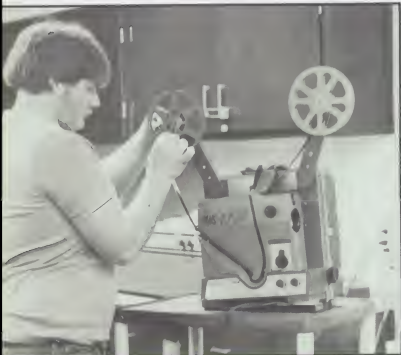
Making and changing schedules is the most common reason that students see their counselors.

Lori Spradley, junior, said, "I usually go to see my counselor because I need to get information on which classes I should take."

— Amy Stooksbury

Stephen Osoba, senior, uses the card catalog files to find a book. Students in Advanced Composition spent days in the library researching topics for their term papers.

Audio Visual aide, Brian Wirtz, junior, prepares a movie projector for viewing. Vel Woolridge, audio visual director, plans to retire at the end of the school year.



A.V. Club: Front Row — Dave Magry, Donna Dogan, Zellers, Jeff Martin, Matt Isolampi, Paul Zawada, Velven Woolridge, sponsor. Back Row — Mike

The MHS library was not only used for studying. Many students came to the library to read, relax and talk with friends.

Eileen Dawson, junior, said, "I went to the library because my boyfriend and I liked to talk in a quiet place."

Most students that visited the school library needed to find informational materials. There were several different resources available in the library. Reference books, periodicals, maps and vertical files are just a few.

Violet Solich, librarian, said, "Students usually used the Informational Media Center for research on term papers and reports."

The majority of students utilized the library near the end of the grading period.

Paul Tomak, senior, said, "When finals were taken I went to the library to study and concentrate on my school work."

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Also, the audio visual department was very helpful to the students. Some of the visual aides provided were video recorders, film projectors, record players, cassette tape record-

ers and overhead projectors.

Velven Woolridge, audio visual director, said, "All audio visual materials are available to the faculty members and the teachers."

Audio visuals were used for studying throughout the year. Slides, movies and video cassettes were viewed in many classes.

Elizabeth Frasca, A.V. secretary, said, "The students in A.V. recorded many channel 11 educational shows from television for the school's use."

The A.V. class offered at MHS taught the students how to run and take proper care of all the equipment used.

Donna Dogan, senior, said, "A.V. class was fun because I was able to help teachers run movies."

— Amy Stooksbury

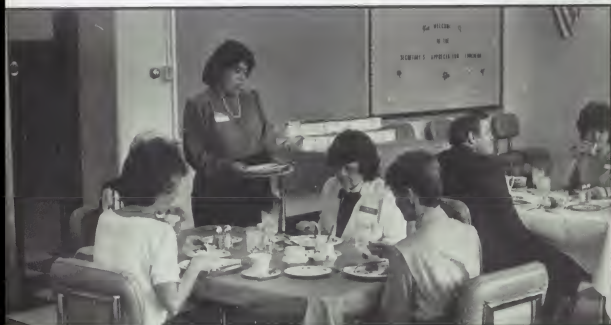
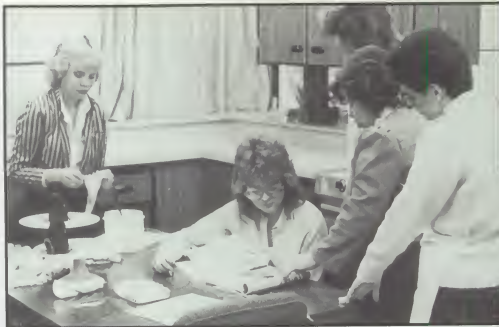


Leona Burrus, librarian, records student librarian work slips. Students can work in the library as aides.

Velven Woolridge, audio visual director, checks over a video cassette recorder to see if it is working properly.

Carol Von Behren, home economics teacher, shows her students a design that can be used to decorate a cake. This class is a semester course.

Danette Guzman, senior, cleans up the plates after the secretary's appreciation luncheon. This was on Thursday, March 14.



Lisa Wescott, senior, listens to and watches a child draw a picture. The children visited the child development classes once a week.

Taking basic cooking was mandatory for the students to participate in the advanced classes. Tomi Dudak, senior, carefully mixes frosting for a cake in advanced cake decorating class.



The Home Economics department at HS offers classes in sewing, cooking, child development and modern living.

Advanced courses in these subjects were available to the student body. Some of these were gourmet foods and advanced cake decorating.

Sue Metros, senior, said, "Advanced cake decorating was fun because the atmosphere was comfortable."

Modern Living prepares the the student for s or her personal life.

Kerry Stone, junior, said, "In modern living we discussed marriage and family problems. I took the class because it was different from all my other classes."

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In Child Development, basic knowledge on how to run a home, manage a family, and take proper care of children is learned. Near the end of the course, students are allowed to bring in children to observe and play with.

Chris Poti, senior, said, "I learned about

how a child develops, how complications may arise during pregnancy, and how to prevent them from happening."

The main objective of the sewing and cooking classes is to teach the students skills that will help them throughout their lives.

Lynette Keagan, junior, said, "sewing will help me in the future when I have to sew a button or hem clothes."

The Home Economics department is skill-oriented. The classes that are offered supply the students with a wide variety of learning experiences. It gave the students an opportunity to develop a skill which will aid them in their future lives.

— Amy Stooksbury



Future Homemakers of America — Front Row: Lisa Neis, Brenda Thompson, Jennifer Larson, Second Row: Michelle Mitchell, Tracie Thurman, Tomi Dudak. Third Row: Renca Miller, Danette Guzman, Beth Bowen, Lori Strong. Fourth Row: Kim Collins, Sandy Urbanczyk, Becky Ramos, Amy Best. Back Row: Carol Von Behren, Sponsor, Caroline Baldozo, Caroline Cretidge.

The art loft is a place where many creative people express their ideas and talents. The classes range from ceramics to commercial art.

Jill Yura, senior, said, "I have to work hard because I am planning on a career in art, and all my work will be put into a portfolio that will be sent to various colleges and art schools."

Marco Perez, senior, added, "Commercial art is helping me to find out what I want to do with the rest of my life. I'm considering an art career, and this class has really helped me."

Some students enjoy putting their talents toward special projects. The applied design class works on lenolium designs, silk screens and other structured projects.

Liz Wardell, senior, said, "We work more with our hands instead of just drawing, and there is always something new."

Some students don't realize the time and effort that goes into art projects.

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"The art classes aren't a waste of time like some people think. You've learned so much after the year is over, even if you went in knowing nothing at all," commented Loui Roman, senior.

Several students submitted their work to the art teachers who selected the best of the works for competition.

Sherry D'Asto, senior, said, "Since the art loft is so secluded from the rest of the school shows allow people to show their work and the amount of time that has been put into them."

"The finest of work in all areas represents our school in the Scholastic Art Awards contest," commented Eleanor Lewis, art department chairman.

The exhibition took place in South Bend, Indiana, February 16 thru March 2. Eighty area counties participated in the contest, and all the work submitted had to be original.

— Julie Z



While explaining a flaw to Anita Langbehn, junior, Eleanor Lewis, art teacher, offers a few suggestions.

Making an enlargement of a previous family painting, Karen Kirksey, senior, tries to keep a steady hand.





Putting the finishing touches on her canvas, Samantha Dalkabi, junior, is being watched by a fellow classmate.

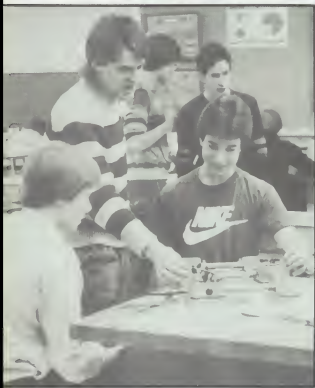


Using a delicate touch, Val Pappas, senior, tries to stay in the lines.



Showing her artistic ability, Kathy Slinker, sophomore works on her project.

Playing Scrooge. Jim Gavelek, senior, stacks up his money. He is doing this as part of his job for the athletic office.



Making sure the attendance cards are picked up daily, Tracy Lepp, senior, goes door to door. Office assistants receive half a credit.

Dan Johnson, senior, explains the problem to Russ Cain and Jeff Riese, sophomores, in electrical shop. Johnson is an aide to Rick Hurey, industrial arts teacher.



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Finding time to do homework is hard to do for many MHS students. MHS offers study hall as an elective to assist those students who need it. Although students don't receive credit for taking the class, it is very popular among students.

Most students agreed that having a job and making homework home is too difficult.

Elaine Zaronis, senior, said, "It's hard to have a job and find time to do homework, so study hall allows an extra hour to do it."

Many students feel that it cuts down their homework load to take home.

Jim Jones, senior, said, "Being it's my senior year, I don't want to be bogged down with homework, so study hall gives me more free time at home."

In addition, many students are involved in

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some type of extra curricular activity and study hall offers an extra hour to do the homework that wasn't completed.

Jim Bittner, junior, stated, "I don't have enough time to do homework because I'm in sports, so studyhall gives me an extra hour to get caught up."

Also many students take prep college courses; therefore, the work load is tougher.

Margaret Leposky, study hall aide, said, "The students put studyhall to good use because most take five hard classes and work after school, so they can have an extra hour to study. Students can also get extra help during this period because of teacher preps and guidance counselors not being so busy."

— Angie Traficante



Lewada

Quest Club — Front Row: Sandy Jones. Second Row — Missy Golding, Carrie Carnecki. Third Row: Jerry Kasarda, sponsor, Luanne Thomas, DeeDee Knop.

Typing diligently, Diane Wilk, senior, is trying to complete an assignment for a teacher to Xerox and pass out to the class.

John Sheehy, senior, watches Mark Dustman, sophomore, takes a flying leap over the low bar.

In perfect position, Mark Dustman, sophomore, tries to impress Dan Molchan, physical education teacher. The class is playing badminton.



While the class takes a break, Lacey Armontrout, physical education teacher, finds a moment to explain a simple formality.

Tom Hirschak, sophomore, just scored a point by smashing a ball past his opponent in a friendly game of ping pong.



A healthy body leads to a healthy mind. High school is not only a time to meet new people and have fun, but it is a time to learn and to do well in classes.

Physical education helped students concentrate in their classes. Two semesters of gym is required for all sophomores, with some exceptions. Students with physical injuries, temporary or permanent, are not required to take gym, but may make it up later if they are able.

"I think that the exercise that I get in gym helped me to be more alert in my other classes all day long," commented Heather Charlesworth, sophomore.

Gym activities such as swimming, track, tennis and basketball helped students practice their quick reflexes.

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"Having gym first hour really wakes me up in the morning so I'm ready to go for the rest of the day," added Mike Klevickas, sophomore.

Cooperation is important in high school for the students to work better together.

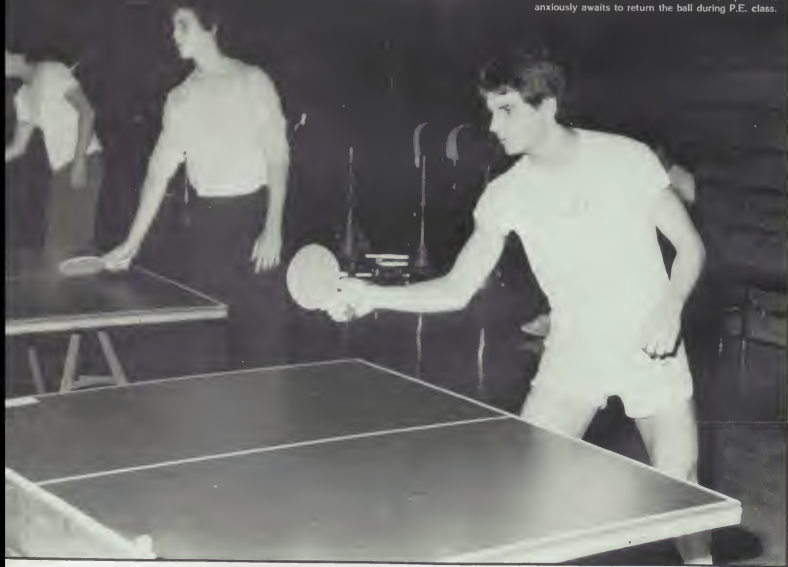
"Some of the activities such as table tennis and tennis make the students have to work together," stated Caroline Tipton, physical education teacher.

Special education students also have the advantage of taking gym classes. Exercise and activities are important for everyone.

"I think that all students can concentrate better and feel better if they are physically fit," added Kim Manigault, special education teacher.

— Tiffini Crownover

With intense concentration, Jeff Morris, sophomore, anxiously awaits to return the ball during P.E. class.



Jim Dimitri, sophomore, continues to copy his program from his paper onto the computer.

Trying to find the faulty statement, Bob Bergeson, business teacher, and Donna Lewendowski, junior, analyze the program.



While double checking her paper, Michelle Hollandsworth, senior, punches her calculations on an adding machine.

While making sure all his statements and line numbers are correct, Eric Ban, sophomore, moves each line up on the screen.



The Cooperative Office Education program helps students get an education while learning a trade.

Amy Blair, senior, said, "This class is not like every other class because the teacher doesn't assign the classwork. Therefore, the students have to pull together to form a class."

This course is only available to senior students who are majoring in business. Donna McCloud, senior, said, "The C.O.E. class and job training will help any student plan for their future career choice."

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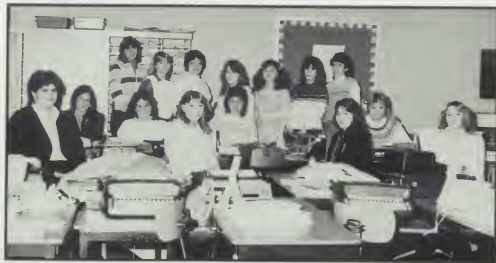
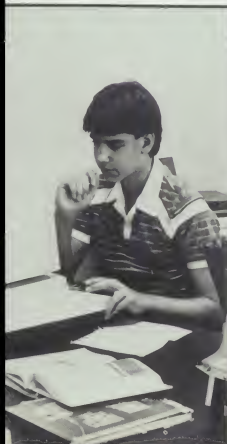
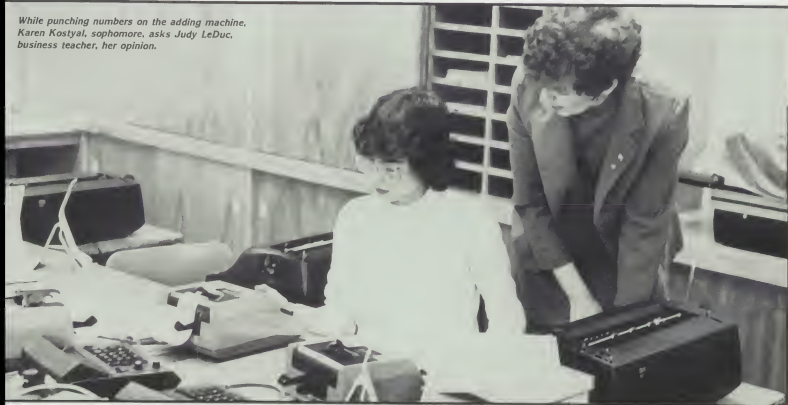
day in the students own career choice. Dawn Bridges, senior, said, "This is a good choice for students who want to find an office job."

When a student works after the COE lab she has to provide her own transportation to work. Melinda Beach, senior, said, "It's important to have your own means of transportation."

Many students feel that it is a good idea to take this course if you don't plan on a college degree. Geri Malicki, senior, added, "It's a good opportunity to advance to a full time job after graduation."

— Angie Trafficante

While punching numbers on the adding machine, Karen Kostyal, sophomore, asks Judy LeDuc, business teacher, her opinion.



COE — Front Row: Geri Malicki, Melissa Shulte, Cathy Gyltakakis, Dawn Bridges. Second Row: Dawn Cepp, Donna McCloud, Jamie Edwards.

Amy Blair. Back Row: Karen Johnson, Lisa Bowling, Janice Schnick, Chris Welch, Susanna Prentosky, Diane Poxon, Jolynn Coleman.

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People often overlook the personal side of those in authority. This is also true with the members of the administration at MHS.

These men not only take pleasure in their careers, but in their favorite pastimes as well. These hobbies tell us a little more about their individuality.

Paul Schuyler, principal, enjoys gardening and building furniture. "My number one priority, right now, outside of my job, is going to Purdue home football and basketball games, and of course, eating my wife's good cooking,

not necessarily in that order," he added with a smile.

Tom Herbert, assistant principal enjoys officiating Big Ten college football games. "It's a good diversion, and it helps take your mind off school and other things for the weekend enjoy the time away," he said.

Frank O'Shea, dean of students, a newest member of the administration, enjoys all sports. "I like to dance when I get a chance to go out," he stated.

— Denise Rogers



Paul Schuyler, principal, takes time out of his busy schedule to finish some paperwork. Mr. Schuyler meets with a Parent Advisory Committee once a month in addition to his other responsibilities.



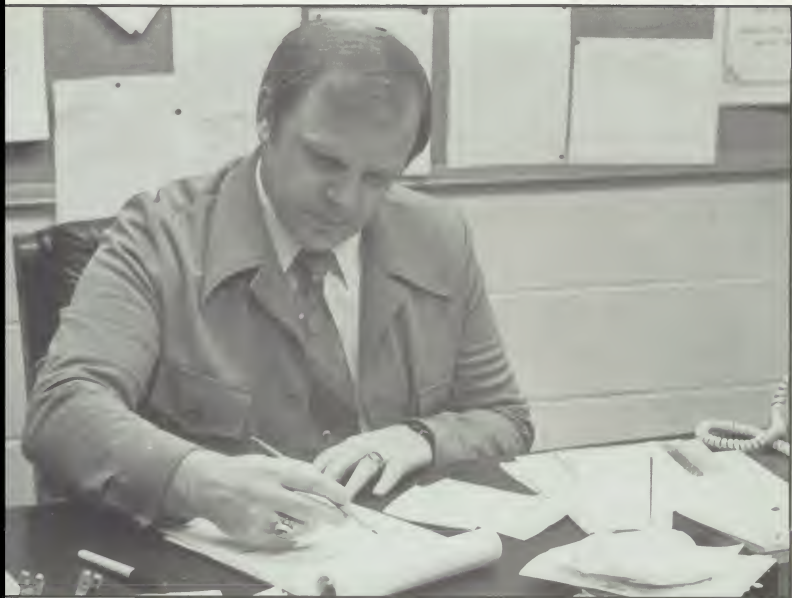
Seated above at one of the school board meetings are Robert Shrenker, superintendent; Nick Katich, attorney; Arther Collins, member; Michele Hal-

sted, secretary; L.J. Crist, president; George L. Putz, vice president; Eugene Carrabine, member; and Anthony Lux, assistant superintendent.



Dr. William Fellmy, assistant superintendent, Dr. Robert Schrenker, superintendent, and Dr. Anth-

ony Lux, assistant superintendent.



Frank O'Shea, dean of students, goes over the list of suspensions. Mr. O'Shea enforced many of the school rules and helped to improve policies as well.



Tom Herbert, assistant principal, works at his desk in the main office. Mr. Herbert works closely with many of the school clubs and organizations.

Alice Carrara, cafeteria worker, cheerfully greets people at the salad bar daily. Students and teachers have enjoyed the salad bar for two and a half years at MHS. "It has been a definite improvement in the school's menu," Laura Vrtikapa, senior, commented.

Sue Matthews, teacher aide, is busy at work copying papers for faculty members. She also works at Southlake Printing all year.



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After 22 years of hard work and devotion in the Merrillville School Corporation, Dorothy Goetze retired on March 29.

Mrs. Goetze said that the most enjoyable part of her career was the friends she had made.

"Every day is different. I have enjoyed my work immensely. Of course, there are frustrations, but the good outweighs the bad," she stated.

Commencements have always been special to Mrs. Goetze. "I think last year's was the one I will never forget since it was my last one," Goetze said. She will miss working more than anything else.

"We are definitely going to miss her contribution to our administration."

She likes to be busy and working in the office here certainly took care of that.

She has been a part of several of the MHS extracurricular activities: Awards Day, Commencement, Prom, and the Academic Decath-

lon, to name a few.

She has been a secretary at MHS for 17 years and became the office manager in 1977.

"I think slowing down from a gallop to a walk will be the hardest thing to adjust to," Mrs. Goetze added.

After her retirement, her first priority is just enjoy not being on a time schedule and getting accustomed to doing what she wishes when she wishes to do it.

She also plans to visit her family and relatives in Georgia, Florida and Arizona.

— Denise Rogers



Teacher's aides — Janet Pennock, Gloria Zale, Mary Halkias, Margaret Leposky.



Secretaries — Front Row: Liz Frasca, Marlene East, Dorothy Goetze, Shirley Barclay. Back Row: Jean Smith, Vi Solich, Dorothy Hogan, Barbara Richter.



Cafeteria Workers — Front Row: Louise Hodorek, Judy Storey, Irene Batides, Barbara McKay, Deloris Balcerak, Norma Manis, Shirley Kuhn, Zulla Sarr, Alice Carrara, Jane Depta. Back Row: Audre Franz, Karen Vlasic, Anne Frank, Karen Reder, Rada Sponel, Mary Cloyd, Joyce O'Reer, Arlene Phillips, Mary Cory, Kristine Cogly, Doris Rogers.



Shirley Barclay, secretary, is busy at work, typing in the main office. She and Marlene Harmon work in the office all summer also.

Over the past three years, the building trades class has built a house somewhere in the community, but because of the problem they encountered with selling the houses, they changed directions and took on smaller projects to compensate for the house project.

Even though the projects are smaller, the students in building trades feel they will give them just as much or more experience.

In 1984, projects began with the building of a garage in the Southbrook subdivision.

Bob Scheub, senior, said, "The garage project may not be as big, but the woodworking experience is the same as if we were building a house."

Each building trades class meets every day for three hours. All students must be interviewed by Lee Bottom, building trades teacher, before entering the class.

Mike Lucas, junior, stated, "I've been in it

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for two years and it has been a great experience. I believe it will be a great help in the future."

Other industrial arts classes were hard work at various projects throughout the year.

Auto Shop spends most of their classroom hours in the shop learning what makes cars work and how to fix them when they don't.

Jim Gavelek, senior, stated, "Everyone should take Auto Shop. You never know when you might need it."

Wood Shop's grades are based on how well their projects turn out. Throughout the year they have constructed spice racks, shelf clocks and stereo cabinets.

All industrial arts students agree that MHS's industrial arts program will benefit them in the future.

— Shawna E.



Keeping a steady hand, Jeff Warren, junior, draws straight.



Looking in amazement at his next project, Bob Sheub, senior, gathers all his tools which he will need to start this large task.

During automotive shop, Vic Asinger, senior, works on finding the problem with a Yamaha 175.



In wood shop, Brad Lecoss, sophomore, wears safety goggles while working on the face of his clock.

In the process of putting his clock together, Doug Langbehn, sophomore, asks for assistance from John Peterson, teacher aide.

Beverly Ambrozak, Business
Janet Anderson, Art
Lafey Armontrout, Physical Education
Patricia Armstrong, English
Mary Ann Bertram, Foreign Language
Robbie Bothwell, Business



Lee Bottom, Industrial Arts
Grace Bovard, Business
Jerry Bratcher, Science
Robert Brown, Math
Leona Burrus, Library
Tom Cameron, Social Studies



Charles Carroll, Special Education
Joann Castlen, Business
Chris Choncoff, Social Studies
Linda Christoff, English
Linda Davis, Guidance
Jacqueyn Demaree, Math



Richard Ebler, English
James Edgcomb, Social Studies
Cliff Fackler, Math
Tom Feeney, Math
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Allyn Johnson, Social Studies
Jerry Kasarda, English



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Judy LeDuc, Business
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Joe Morrow, English
Patrick Mulloy, Social
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Cheryl Nash, English
Peg Ozimec, Art



Tom Peller,
Computer/Math
Dolores Poxon, Nurse
Bernadine Putz, Business
Geraldine Rainey,
English/Language
Mike Regan, Social
Studies
Jerry Reinhart, Choir



Violet Schmuck,
Computer/Math
John Seale, Industrial
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Mark Seeley, Science
Lisa Ann Selle, Math
Margaret Stallings, Home
Economics
Margaret Stiles, English



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Carolyn Tipton, Physical
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Carol Von Behren, Home
Economics
Gregg Williams, Science



James Wiltshire, Math
Bruce Woods, English
Genevieve Wooldridge,
Math
Vel Wooldridge, Audio
Visual



Nick Zairis, sophomore, works on homework in his study hall class daily. There is no credits given for study hall.

Dave Wilk, John Kubiak, Dave Vasquez and Tim Stryzak, sophomores, get acquainted at the "Back-to-School-dance."



PEOPLE

It's All Here!



MHS: It's all here.

Ambitious students, all willing to work, learn and cooperate.

Students worked together to get things accomplished throughout the year. They helped each other through thick and thin.

"When ever I need help with a homework assignment, I know that I can always count on my friends to be there for me," explained Mary Lee Kincaid, junior.

Students worked on homework together on weeknights and even on weekends.

"Sometimes I'll have a few friends over to help me study for tests," added Kathy Urban, senior, "The results of our working together really shows up on my test."

Group projects assigned by teachers really adds to the cooperation that so many MHS students experience.

"Not only is working with other students a great way to make friends, but it is great way to get things done, better and faster," commented Lynn Drennan, junior.

Cooperation is definitely needed to make a good friendship. Giving is what most relationships are all about.

"I work with my friends in and out of school to finish projects for class," commented Caroline Baldazo, senior.

It's all here.



The seniors show their spirit at the powder puff game. The junior girls defeated the seniors and the sophomores this year.

Tim Bianco, junior, and Diane Ciochina, senior, enjoy themselves at the Turnabout. FEA sponsors the Turnabout each year.

Class of 85



Senior Class Officers — Front Row: Greg Schuster,
Cheryl Graeber, Back Row: Shawna Eberle, Shelly
Kuzemka.

Cheri Adler — Pom pons 9, 10, 11,
12. Greg Akers — Football 9;
Wrestling 9. Alberto Alfaro Jr. Jay
Anderson — Newspaper 11, 12;
Football 9, 10; Golf 9, 10; German
Club 10; Student Council 9; Wrestling
9.



Peter Andreis — A.V. Club 9; Earth
Science Club Officer 9; German Club
10, 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society
9; Student Council 9. Vera Angeloff
— German Club 9, 10, 11; Pom pons
9; Student Council 10; Track 9.
Georgann Ard — Fall Play 11. Josie
Arena — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Spanish
Club 10, 11, president 12; Flag Corps
10, captain 11, 12.





Yvonne Armenta — Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 12. Kendall Ashley — Band 9; Track 9, 11. Victor Atsinger — Basketball Statistician 12; Football 9, 10; German Club 10; Powder Puff Coach 12; Football Trainer 11. Caroline Baldazo — Spanish Club 10, 11; SADD 11; Sunshine Society 12; FHA officer 11, 12.



Jay Barandela. Shelley Barkasi — Band 9, 10, 11; Pom Pons 9, 10; Yearbook Staff 9. Doug Barnes — Orchestra 9, 10, 11. Eric Basile.



Lou Batides — Choir 9; Football 9; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Track 9; Wrestling 9. Melinda Beach — OEA treasurer 12. Chuck Beird — Baseball 9; Cross Country 11; Football 9, 10; Track 9, 10, 11, 12. Dawn Bell — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, 11; Yearbook 12.



Diane Bellamy — Band 9, 10; Choir 10, 11, 12; French Club 10, 11, 12; Pep Club 9; Review 12; Spring Play 12; Vocalteens 10, 11, 12. Dan Bellovary — National Jr. Honor Society 9; track 9, 10, 11, 12. Robin Benson — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9; Cross Country 10, 11; Flag Corps 10, 11, 12; Pom Pons 9; Student Council 12; Student Trainer 11, 12; Key Club 11, 12; Pep Band 10, 11, 12; Computer Club 9; Volleyball 9; Track 9, 10. Marianne Berger — Cheerleading 11; Student Council 11, officer 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 12; Class Secretary 11.



Denine Bezick — Pep Club 9; Powder Puff 12; Spanish Club 10, 11, 12; Sunshine Society 11, 12; National Spanish Honorary 12. Denise Bezick. Tom Bielefield. Jennifer Biegelow — Band 9, 10, 11, 12.

Amy Blair — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; COE 12; German Club 10; Newspaper 9; Orchestra 10; OEA 12. Steve Blaney. Kim Boatner — Pom pons 9; Spanish Club 10, 11, 12; Sunshine Society 11, officer 12; Powder Puff 10, 11. Mike Bondra — Choir 9; Creative Arts 10, officer 11, 12; FEA officer 11, 12; Newspaper 9; Spanish Club 10, 11, officer 12; Yearbook 9.

Lisa Bowling — Homecoming Court (Basketball) 11; Newspaper 9; Pom pons 9, 10, 11, 12; OEA president 12. Bonnie Bowman — French Club 10; Honor Society 9; Key Club 11; Spanish Club 10, 12. Dawn Bowman — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Key Club 12. Charlotte Lynne Boyd — Basketball 9, 10; Drama Club 12; Key Club 12; Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11; SADD 11; School Mascot 12; Spanish Club 10.

Sandee Braun — Cross Country Manager 11; Quest Club 11; SADD 11; Spanish Club 10; Sunshine Society 11, 12. Gayle Brice — Band 9; Honor Society 9; Softball 10; Spanish Club 10, 11; Sunshine Society 12. Dawn Bridges — Choir 9, 10, 11; COE 12; OEA 12. Carri Ann Broda — FHA 12; Pom pons 9; Powder Puff 10, 11.

Michelle Broda — Band 9, 10; Newspaper 9; Pep Club 9; Pom pons 10, 11; Track 9, 10; Yearbook 9. Carla Brown — Choir 9, 10, 11. Cheryl Brown — Basketball 9; Pep Club 9; Powder Puff 11. Lori Buchanan — Yearbook 12.

Michelle Burns — Newspaper 9; Pep Club 9; Powder Puff 11; Spanish Club 10, 11; Yearbook 9. Kim Cagle — Choir 9, 10, 11; Honor Society 9; Powder Puff 12; Spanish Club 10. Dawn Capp — OEA 12. Lisa Carpenter — Band 9; Basketball 9, 10; Powder Puff 10, 11.





Teresa Carver — Newspaper 9; Powder Puff 12; Yearbook Staff 9.
Lou Castellani — Basketball 10; Football 10, 11, 12; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Student Council 10. John Catchur — Football 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 10. Kelly D. Chandler — Powder Puff 10, 11; Newspaper 9; Pep Club 9; Pom Pons 9; Yearbook Staff 9.



Chris Childress — Choir 9; French Club 10, 12; Powder Puff 10. Stasia Christos — Choir 9. Diane Clochina — Choir 9; Newspaper 9; Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Council 12; Tennis 10, 11, 12; Track 9; National Spanish Honor Society 12; Basketball 9. Jolynn Coleman — OEA 12; COE 12.



Bobbi Conn — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; FHA 11, 12; officer 11; Softball 10. Maryann Connelly — Band 9, 10; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Pep Club 9, 10; Powder Puff 10, 12; Spanish Club 10, 11; Track 9; Volleyball Manager 11; Key Club vice-president 10. Patricia Corey — Quest Club 10, 11. Tom Covaciu.



Natalie Coyle — Pom Pons 9, 10, 11; Powder Puff 12; Yearbook 12. Jim Crim — Baseball 9; Choir 9; Football 9; Track 9; Wrestling 9. Mary M. Croarkin — Basketball 9, 10; Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9; Homecoming Court (Basketball) 10; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 11, 12; Sophomore Class Vice President. Tiffini Crownover — Newspaper 9; Yearbook 11, co-editor 12.



Cheryl Cullinan. Ronald Cunningham. Carrie Czarnecki — FHA 10; German Club 10, officer 11; Golf 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Hoosier Girls State Delegate 11. Allison Dakich.

Christine Daniel — Cross Country 12;
German Club 10, 11, officer 12; Honor
Society officer 12; National Jr. Honor
Society 9; Track 9, 10, 11, 12. Denise
Darkins — French Club 10;
Gymnastics 9, 10, 11, 12. Jeff Darnell
— Baseball 12; Earth Science Club
11. Sherry D'Asto — Creative Arts
10, 11, president 12; Cheerleading 10,
11; Powder Puff 10, 12; Spanish Club
10, 11; Honor Society 12; National Jr.
Honor Society 9; Pom Pons 9;
Yearbook 12; Pursuit of Excellence
Committee 11; Quill and Scroll 12.

Darren DeBoy — Track 10, 11, 12.
Steve Dienes. Blaine Dillion. Larry
Dittoe — German Club 11, 12.

Debbie Dix. Dan Dockweiler — Band
9, 10, 11, 12. Donna Dogan — A.V.
Club 11, 12; Choir 9, 10, 11, officer
12; Pep Club 10, officer 11, 12; Quest
Club 10, 11, officer 12; School
Mascot 11. John H. Donley — Golf
9, 10, 11.

Joni Dornburg — Pep Club 9; Pom
pons 9; Powder Puff 12; Swimming
10, 11. Ken Dowd. Andre Dubois —
Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12. Tomi Dudak
— FHA officer 12; Powder Puff 12.

Vojo Dukic — Chess Club 9, 12;
Soccer 10, 11, 12. Jim Dulla —
Spanish Club 12. Rich Dyman —
Choir 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12;
Spanish Club 10; Swimming 9, 10,
11, 12; Track 9; Yearbook 12; Who's
Who 12. Shawna Eberle —
Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12; French
Club 10; Gymnastics 9, 10, 11;
Orchestra 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12;
Quill and Scroll 11, 12; Student
Council 10, 12; Yearbook 11; Co-
editor 12; Class Secretary 10, 12;
Class Treasurer 11.





Terry Eck — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; French Club 11, 12; Review 12. Karen Ector — Basketball 10; Honor Society 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Orchestra 9, 10; Spanish Club 10, 11; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 10, 11. Jamie Edwards — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Flag Corps 10, 11, captain 12; Pep Club 9; Track 9. Jennifer Eibel — Band 9; Cheerleading 9, 11; Golf 9, 10, 11, 12; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Spanish Club 10, 11, 12; Student Council 12; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12.

Kelly Ellch — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Vocalteens 11, 12; Newspaper 12; Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 10, 11; Spanish Club 10; Track 10; Quill and Scroll 12. Anne Elliot. Russ Emerson — Chess Club 9; Track 9, 10. Mark Enzwiler — Spanish Club 10, officer 11; National Jr. Honor Society 9.

Seniors: This is really it!

After waiting for so long to be a senior, it had finally arrived.

The beach, Sophomore Orientation, the "Back-To-School-Dance," the first football game and more.

Orientation, Aug. 22, was a big day for the new sophomores but also an exciting day for

Laurie Funder, senior, added, "Being with my friends at the dance, I thought and knew I was finally in my last year of school."

Marco Perez, senior, commented, "I first realized I was a senior the first day of school when my teachers took roll and asked me what grade I was in."

"At Orientation being a big sister for the underclassmen was the first time I knew I was a senior."

seniors. Natalie Kish stated, "At Orientation being a big sister for the underclassmen was the first time I knew I was a senior."

Dances are popular at MHS, and this year was no exception. The "Back-To-School-Dance" on Aug. 24, after the first football game, gathered many students. Besides mak-

Getting caught up in school shopping and making the last few trips out to the beach before school starts while being one year older, may have slipped your mind. Diane Ciochina said, "Being a senior hasn't hit me yet because I don't feel like this should be the last year of school for me."

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ing the new sophomores feel at home, the dance had a hidden meaning especially to Stecy Plesha, senior, who stated, "At the 'Back-To-School-Dance,' I looked around at the new sophomores and realized I was a senior."

Once the school year was over, the question still remained: "When was the first time you realized that you were a senior?"

— Karen Dudak

Lori Rebecca Equihua — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Pep Club 9, 10; Pom Pons 9; Spanish Club 10; Sunshine Society 10, officer 11, 12. Angel Estrada. Neil Eubank — Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Prom King 11; Track 9, 10, 11, 12. Deon Evett — Baseball 10.



Karen Eyrich — Choir 9, 10; French Club 11, officer 12; Pom pons 9. Paul Fiacable — Baseball 9; Football 9, 10, 11, captain 12. Joe Fish — Choir 9. Garry Flaharty.



Mark Flanagan. Valerie Fies. Cheryl A. Fossey — Honor Society 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Orchestra 9, 10; Spanish Club 10, 11, officer 12; SADD secretary 11, 12; Key Club secretary 11, 12. Jim Foster — Football 10.



Julie Fratzke — Basketball 9, 10, 11; French Club 10; 11, 12; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9, 10; Pom pons 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Softball 9. Dan French — Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Homecoming King (Basketball) 10; Sophomore Class President. Vicki Frey — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Yearbook 9. Deanna Fromen.



Laurie Funder — Choir 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Track 11, 12; School mascot 12. Michele Gallagher — Basketball 9; Creative Arts 9, 10, 11. Jose Galvas. Manuel Garcia — Baseball 9; Soccer 11, 12; Spanish Club 12; Student Council 12.





Veronica Garza — Basketball Statistician 10; Choir 9; Newspaper 9, 10, editor 11, 12; Quill & Scroll officer 11, 12; Student Council 11.
 Bob Gasich — Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12.
 Jim Gavelek — Baseball 9, 10; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 10.
 Rod Gayda — Football 9; Track 9, 10; Wrestling 9.

Arthur Geberin, Debra Gee — FHA 11, 12. Terry Gill — Football 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 10, 12. Jeff Giltz.

George H. Glagola — Football 10, 11, 12; Track 11. Ralph Glenn. Danny Gojmerac. Marlene Golding.

Lori Goodwin — Band 9, 10, 11; Baseball Statistician 10, 11, 12; Flag Corps 10, 11; Orchestra 9; Pom pons 12; Powder Puff 10; Student Council 9. Rick Gorby. Regina C. Gornick — Basketball 9, 10; Newspaper 11, 12; Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Quill & Scroll 12. William T. Gornik — Basketball Statistician 11; Choir 9; Football 9, 10; Swimming 9; Track 9, 11, 12; Yearbook 12.

Douglas P. Gough — Basketball 9; Football 9; National Spanish Honor Society 12; Spanish Club 12; Track 9. Cheryl Graeber — National Jr. Honor Society 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Softball 9, 10; Spanish Club 11, 12; National Spanish Honor Society 12; Volleyball 9; Senior Class President Dan Green — Basketball 10, 11; Football 10, 11, 12. Scott Griffin.

Pep session receives mixed reviews

For years, Indiana schools have held pep sessions as a way of firing up teams and fans for the "big" games of the season. Some have been quite effective and some, not so effective.

The Indiana Department of Education has recently made a proposal that would prohibit the removal of students from class for any purpose other than an emergency. Therefore, if schools must have any pep sessions at all, they are to take place outside of class time, in other words, after school.

On Oct. 4, the MHS annual football Home-

coming pep sessions took place. However, this year is was a little different. The session was held in the bleachers of Demaree field at 5:30 p.m., preceding the sophomore-junior

one on the football team. Brett St. Germain, junior, disagreed, "Thursday's pep session was more effective than the others we had during school because we could see who our true fans are. It also gets the parents involved as well as the students."

Tom Herbert, assistant principal, agreed, "There was a lot of noise and enthusiasm at the pep session."

Pep sessions as we remember them during school are no more. But a new tradition has begun.

— Denise Rogers

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powder puff game. Terry Gill, senior, said, "The pep session we had Thursday was okay, but it was better when we had them during school because more people got involved."

However, this is not the opinion of every-

Andrew Guba — Track 9, Doug Guernsey, Scott Guernsey — Track 9; Wrestling 9, 10, Mike Gurgevich — Baseball 9, 10; Basketball 9; Football 9, 12.



Julie Gutjahr — Choir 9; Honor Society 9, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10; Spanish Club 10, 12; Volleyball 9. Danette Guzman — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; FHA 10, 11, 12; Pep Club 9, 11, 12; Spanish Club 12; Sunshine Society 10, 11, 12. Jill Habrych — French Club 10; Pep Club 10; Quest Club 10; Track 9, 10; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12. Laura Hacker — Pom pons 9; Volleyball 9.



Alisa Hafner — French Club 10; Newspaper 9; Powder Puff 11. Kevin Hamer — Soccer 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 12. Laura Hanas — Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Tennis 11. Ken Hanisko — German Club 11.





Lisa Hatala — French Club 10; Powder Puff 10. Tim Haviza. Karen Sue Hendrickson — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Spring Play 10, 11; Pep Club 10; Big Sister 11, 12. David Herbert — Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 9; Football 9, 10; Newspaper 11, 12; Quill and Scroll 11, 12; Track 9.

Richard Hernandez — Choir 9; Cross Country 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 12. Deanna M. Hill — Choir 10; Pom Pons 9, 10, 11, 12. Michelle Hollandsworth — Choir 9, 10, 11; Earth Science Club 12; FHA 11, 12. Mary Kay Hovanec — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Powder Puff 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, 11.

Kevin Huber — Chess Club 9; Football 9; German Club 10; Wrestling 9. Cheryl Lynn Huddleston — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Newspaper 11, 12; Quill and Scroll 11, 12; Review 11, 12; Spring Play 12; Drama Club 12; Vocalteens 12. Sonya Hytche — Choir 9; Cross Country 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12. Kristi Irwin — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball Statistician 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9; Football Statistician 9.

Rada Ivetic. — French Club 10. Desiree Jansen. Joe Jamrock — Football 9; Track 9, 10. Beth Jasiak — Pom Pons 9; Football Manager 11, 12; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Creative Arts 12; German Club 12; Velveteens president 11; Vocalteens vice president 12; Wrestling Statistician 12.

Susan Jatzczak. Karen Johnson — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 12; Basketball Manager 11; German Club 10, 11; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Orchestra 9, 10, 11; Powder Puff 11; Track 9, 10; OEA officer 12; Volleyball 9, 10; Key Club 10. Robert Johnson — Chess Club 9; Orchestra 9; Soccer 11, 12; Swimming 9, 11, 12. Jim Jones — Football 9; Basketball Manager 9.

Pam Jones — FEA officer 11, 12.
Gail Juloski — Track 11, 12. April
Jurasevich — Choir 9; Newspaper 9;
Softball 9, 10, 11, 12. Becky Kachur
— Choir 9; Powder Puff 10; Spanish
Club 10; Volleyball 9.

Larry Kacmar — Basketball 9, 10,
11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12;
Homecoming Court (Basketball) 11;
Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr.
Honor Society 9; Prom Court 11;
Spanish Club 10, 12; Track 9, 10, 11,
12; National Spanish Honorary
Society 12; Boys State Alternate 12;
Who's Who 11. Rich Kalmas. Laura
Kapitan — French Club 11, officer
12; Honor Society 11, 12; Pep Club 9;
Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12. Lena
Karabetsos — French Club 11,
officer 12; Newspaper 9; Pom Pons 9,
10, 11, co-captain 12; Yearbook 9.

Kire Karamacoski — Choir 9. Paul
Kasprzak — Band 9, 10, 11, 12;
Basketball 9; Cross Country 9, 10, 11,
12; National Jr. Honor Society 9;
Spanish Club 12; Track 9, 10.
Frances Katris — Pom Pons 9, 10,
11, 12; Spanish Club 10, secretary 11.
Kelley Kaurich — Basketball 9;
Football 9; Soccer 11, 12.

Andrea Kawicki — French Club 9;
Newspaper 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff
11, 12; Quill and Scroll 10, officer 11,
12; Student Council 11; Volleyball 9;
Yearbook 10, 11, 12. Robin Kendron
— Creative Arts 9. John Kersteff —
Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9;
Football 9; French Club 11; Honor
Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor
Society 9. Harriet Kiriakopoulos —
Powder Puff 10, 11.

Roman Kirby — Choir 11, 12;
Football Manager 11, 12; SADD 11.
Ron Kirby — Choir 10, 11, 12;
Football 12; Quest Club 11; SADD 11.
Benay Kirk — Choir 9, 10, 11;
Spanish Club 10, 11; Pom Pons 9, 10;
Vetevets 10, 11. Nancy Kirk —
Cheerleading 9; National Jr. Society 9;
Powder Puff 10; Softball 10.





Karen Kirksey — Cheerleading 9, 10, 11; Creative Arts 12; French Club 11; Homecoming Queen (Basketball) 11; Homecoming Court (Football) 12; Honor Society 11, officer 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Powder Puff 10, 12; Prom Queen 11; Student Council 11, officer 12; Yearbook 9. Natalie Kish — Choir 9. Paul Klimaszewski — Football 9, 10. Matt Knish.



Kurt Koedyker, Dirk Komp — Tennis 11, 12. Charles Koonce, Robert Krantz — Baseball 9.



Karol Krawczyk — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 12; Sunshine Society 12. Michele Kray — Honor Society 11, 12; Pom pons 9; Powder Puff 10; Quest Club 12; Spanish Club 12, officer 11, 12; Key Club 10; Curriculum Committee 10; Commencement committee 10, 12; Sophomore Class Officer; Big Sister 10, 11; SADD 11. Ken Krmptich — Baseball 9; Basketball 11. Christine Kroll — Band 9; Choir 9, 10, 11; Cross Country 9; Quest Club 10, 11; Thespians 10, 11, 12; Velveteens secretary 11; SADD president 11, 12.



Mark Krutz — Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10; Wrestling 9, 10. Shelly Kuzemka — Band 9; Cheerleading 9, 10, 11; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Softball 9, 10; Student Council officer 9, 12; Sophomore Class treasurer; Spanish Club 10, 11, 12; National Spanish Honor Society 12. Peggy Lach — FEA officer 12; Newspaper 9; Pep Club 9; Yearbook 9; SADD 11. Jasmina Lackovic — French Club 10, 11.



Jennifer Larson — Basketball 9, 10 manager 11, 12; FHA 11, officer 12; Newspaper 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Softball 12. John Leaser, Pekka Lehtinen — Cross Country 12; Track 12; Soccer 12. Steven Leontaras — Spanish Club 10, 11; Student Council 11, 12; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society Society 9.

Tracy Lepp — National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 10, 12; Spanish Club 10, 11; Yearbook 9. Mark Lieber — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Track 9; Key Club 9, President 11, 12. Doug Lind — Cross Country 11, 12; German Club 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10. Collette Lindborg — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9; Flag Corps 12; French Club 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Honor Society 11, 12; Orchestra 9; Newspaper 9; Review 11.

Sandi Lines — Creative Arts 12; Girls Golf 11; Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 11. Tom Lipton — Golf 9, 10, 11, 12. Ana Lopez — Choir 9; Cross Country 10, 11, 12; French Club 10; Newspaper 9; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9. Mike Lobody.



Seniors not pictured

Michael Biron
Cindy Bogard
Kert Bruce
Wayne Bukovic
Stasia Christos
Daniel Cloonan
Bobbi Conn
David Dee
Denise Demo
Christopher Dufresne
James Enochs
Edwin Feliciano
Mark Fesko
Kathy Foremski
James Frantal
Scott Geisen

Brian Gill
Susan Greenberg
Jesse Guardiola
Kathrine Gyftakis
Anthony Haines
Linda Hajvert
Kenneth Heming
Santiago Hernandez
Jamie Hiatt
John Holloway
Jamie Hoyt
David Huff
Darla Jones
Brent Jones
Karl Kacerski
Terry Molloy

Jeff Myszkowski
Dale Neumeyer
Richard Niles
Kevin O'Rourke
Todd Palmer
James Parker
Jim Parkhurst
Carrie Parsons
Mike Pimentel
Patrick Portlock
Dale Powell
Harry Prassas
Suzana Prentosky
Laura Reder
Snezana Risteski
James Rogers

Cynthia Rose
Greg Rose
Ben Smallman
Norman Smith
Melissa Strayn
Michelle Trkulja
Larry Underwood
Timothy Verbancic
Chris Villagran
Kevin Vite
Jennifer Walther
Liz Wardell
Christine Welch



Guy Louie — Football 10. Ben Luna — Baseball 9; Football 9, 10. Jeffrey Lynn. Mark Allen Lynn.

Hurf Lytle — Choir 9, 11. Michael Macchia — A.V. Club 9; Cross Country 10; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Planetarium Staff 9. Penny A. Machnik — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; FEA 12; Flag Corps 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, 11; Yearbook 9. Jay Mack — Student Council 11; Football 10, 11, 12; Homecoming King (Basketball) 11; Honor Society 12; Newspaper 9; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12.

Steve Mackanos — Football 9. Lois Maglinot — Powder Puff 10; Student Council 10. Mark Mahaffey — Wrestling 10, 12. Ron Maihofer — Basketball 9; Cross Country 9; Football 10; Student Council 9; Track 9, 10, 11, 12.

Geri Malicki. Catherine A. Malocha — Choir 9; French Club 10, 11, officer 12; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Powder Puff 12; Student Council 9, 11, 12; Yearbook 9. Jeff Maloney — Chess Club 9; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Fall Play 10, 11, 12; Review 10, 11, 12; Thespians 10, officer 11, 12; Vocalteens 10, 11, 12. James Marando — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9; French Club 10, 11; Student Council 10; Tennis 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9, 10; Band Class Representative 10, 11, 12.

Dennis Margaris — Soccer 9. Don Markovich — Football 9; Honor Society 10, 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9. Jeff Martin — Football 10; Golf 9, 10, 11. Tom Martin — Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Newspaper 12.

Paul Matthews — Baseball 9;
Football 9, 10, 12; Wrestling 9, 10,
12. Dan Mathis. George Mavros —
Chess Club 9, 10; Earth Science Club
9; Honor Society 11; National Jr.
Honor Society 9; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12.
Bill McCarthy.



Melinda Kay McCarty — Choir 9, 10;
Creative Arts 9; Honor Society 11, 12;
Newspaper 10, 11; Pep Club 9. Donna
McCloud. Melissa McCroskey —
Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Pep Club 9.
Joanie McGee — Football Statistician
11, 12; Volleyball 9; Wrestling
Statistician 12.



Greg McGuire — Baseball 9, 10;
Basketball 9; Spanish Club 11; Tennis
12. Darryl McIntire. Karen McKay —
Choir 9; Spanish 10, 12; Powder Puff
10; National Spanish Honor Sonorary
12. Jack McKinney — Football 9, 10;
Newspaper 11, 12; Wrestling 9, 10,
11, 12.



Kim Meade — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12.
Darren Meadows. Lisa Meadows —
FHA 11, 12. David Megquier —
Football 10; Track 9, 10, 11, 12;
Wrestling 9, 10.



Mark Merced — Football 9; Baseball
manager 10, 12; Track manager 9.
Mike Mesarch — Baseball 9; Football
9, 10; Honor Society 11, officer 12;
National Jr. Honor Society 9; Track
11. Sue Metros — Choir 9; Pom pons
9, 10. Steven Meus — Band 9.





Eric Michael — Newspaper 9, 10, Editor 11, 12; Quill and Scroll 10, officer 11, 12; Spanish Club 11, 12; Student Council officer 9, 10, 11, 12; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9; Key Club president 10, 11, 12; SADD officer 11; National Spanish Honorary officer 12; Hoosier Boys State 11. Steve Michael — Football 9, 10, 11, 12. Savo Micic — Football 11; Soccer 10, 11, 12. John Miller — Football 9, 10; Spanish Club 10, 11.

Renea Miller — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; FHA 12; Pep Club 12; Sunshine Society 10, 11, 12; Boys Track statistician 10. Mike Miner — Football 10, 11, 12; Track 9. Scott Modglin — Basketball 9. Tammy Modrak — Choir 9; Pom pons 10; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Prom Court 11; Tennis 9.

Mike Mokol. Robert Moore — Basketball manager 11, 12; German Club 10, 11, 12; Football manager 11, 12; Baseball manager 11, 12. Eric Morillon. Melissa M. Morris — Band 9, 10, 11; Powder Puff 10, 11; Sunshine Society 10; Track 9; Newspaper 9; Orchestra 9; Pep Club 9; Pom pons 9; Yearbook 9; Basketball 9; Volleyball 9; Junior Achievement officer 12.

Matt Naspinski — Basketball 9, 10, 11; Mr. Football 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Council officer 9; Yearbook 12. Theresa Renae Navarro — Newspaper 9; Powder Puff 10, 11. Denise Neskes — German Club 10. Valerie Nicksis — Choir 9, 10, 11; German Club 10, 12; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9.

Taru Niemi — Choir 12; Sunshine Society 12; French Club 12. Leonard Norris — Building Trades 11, 12. Suzie Norris — Band 9; Choir 10; Gymnastics 9, 10; Pep Club 9, 10; Pom pons 9; Powder Puff 10, 11. Robin K. O'Deen — Cheerleading 9; Homecoming Court (Football) 12; Newspaper 9, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10; Prom Court 11; Student Council 9, 11, officer 12.

Angie Ogiego — Powder Puff 11, 12.
Onofrio Olivadoti. Douglas Ollie.
Catherine L. Olson — Pep Club 10,
officer 11, 12; Quest Club 11;
Swimming 9, 10.

Dave Olszewski. Roger Ooms. Kevin
O'Rourke. Deanna Orten.



Stevan Osoba — German Club 10,
11, officer 12; Honor Society 11, 12;
Swimming 11, 12. Kim Pachapa —
Band 9, 10, 11, 12; FEA 11, officer
12; Key Club 10, 11, officer 12;
French Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Honor
Society 9, 11, 12; SADD 11. William
M. Paige Jr. — Basketball 9, 10;
Baseball 9; Football 9. Svetlana
Pantelic.



Tom Papadopoulos — Football 10;
Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12. Valerie Pappas
— French Club 10, 11, officer 12;
Pom pons 9; Softball 10; Student
Council 10, 11; Volleyball 9, 10, 11.
Philip A. Pardus — Chess Club 9;
Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Honor Society 9;
Spanish Club 12; Student Council 10,
11; Thespians 10, 11, 12; Track 9;
Vocalteens 11, 12. Russell Parkhurst
— Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9;
Quest Club 11.



Maria Pavot — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12;
French Club 10, 11, 12; Key Club 11;
Review 12; Velveteens 12. Doug
Pearson — Football 9, 10, 11, 12.
Marco Perez — Soccer 11, 12. Bill
Peters.





John A. Peters. Mike Peterson — Band 9, 10, 11, 12. Pam Pfeifer — Choir 9; Cross Country 10; Track 9. Sharin Pigott — Honor Society 9, officer 12; Pom pons 9, 10, 11; French Club 10; Powder puff 10; Quill & Scroll 11, 12; Yearbook 9, 11, 12.

Nomiki Pilatos. Sandy Plunti. Barbara Planojevic. Stecy Plesha — Basketball 9; Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9; Gymnastics 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Court (basketball) 11, Queen 10; Homecoming Queen (football) 12; Honor Society 11, 12, officer 9; Pep Club 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 10; Student Council 9, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12.

Donalee M. Plumb — Powder Puff 11; Quest Club 12; Spanish Club 10, 11. **Chris Poti** — Choir 9; Pom pons 9, 10; Review 12. **Jennie Potter** — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Fall Play 12; Pep Club 11; Review 11, 12; Spring Play 12; Thespians 11, 12. **Diane Poxon** — Newspaper 9; OEA 12; Powder Puff 11.

Debbie Prgomelja — Powder Puff 10; SADD 11. **Lisa Primer** — Choir 9; Golf 9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10; Spanish Club 10; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12. **Daniel Proctor** — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Fall Play 10, 11, 12; Honor Society 9; Review 10, 12; Spanish Club 10; Spring Play 10, 12; Thespians 10, 11, officer 12; Vocalteens 10, 11, officer 12. **Mike Puskar** — Baseball 9, 10.

Stephen Pysh — Baseball 9, 10; Football 9; Golf 11, 12. **Rajko Radjenovich** — German Club 10, 11, 12; Honor Society 9, 11, 12; Junior Class President; Student Council 9, 10, 11; Track 11, 12; Wrestling 10. **Alan Radu** — Baseball 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12. **Richard P. Rainford.**

Steven Ramusack — Golf 9, 10, 11, 12; Honor Society 9; Spanish Club 12; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12. Robert William Rassbach — Student Council officer 9; Football 9. Brian Reeves — Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12. Lisa Regeski — Choir 9, 10, 11; Powder Puff 10.



Judy Rendina — Key Club 11, officer 12; Powder Puff 12. Randy Renner — Golf 9, 10, 11, 12. Lillian Repar — Powder Puff 10, 11, 12. Scott Riccardi — Quest Club 12.



Jeff Rice — Basketball 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9. Heidi Richardson. Deanna Riese — Basketball 9, 10, 11; Yearbook 12. Michelle Riese.



Denise Renee Rogers — Band 9; Cheerleading 9, 10, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Student Council 12; Track 10, 11; Yearbook 12. Louie Roman — Wrestling 11. Dan Rose — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Crestive Arts 10, officer 11, 12; Earth Science Club 10, 11, officer 12; FEA officer 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, 11. Pete Routsolias.



Jerry Rubush — Chess Club 9; Choir 9, 11. Greg Saliwonczyk. Robin Sanko — Cross Country 11; Honor Society 11, 12; Newspaper 9; Pep Club 9; Pom pons 9; Powder Puff 12; Quill & Scroll 11, 12; Yearbook 9, 11, 12; Track, 11, 12. Mary Santos — FHA 12.





Yvette Savich — Basketball 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12. Bob Sheub — Basketball Statistician 10, 11; Football 10, 11; Softball manager 10, 11. Kim Schlotterbeck — Pom pons 9, 10, 11, 12. Mark Schmidt — Baseball 10, 11, 12; Basketball 10; Football 10, 11, 12.

Janice Schnick — Choir 9, 10, 11; German Club 10; OEA 12; Sunshine Society 11, 12. Joe Shreiber. John Shreiber. Melissa Schulte — Choir 9; OEA 12; Powder Puff 10; Spanish Club 10; Volleyball 9.

Gregg Schuster — A.V. Club 9, 10; Basketball 9, statistician 11, 12; Junior and Senior Class vice-president; Football 9, 10, 11; Quill & Scroll 12; German Club 10; Pep Club 12; Boys State 11; Yearbook 12. Linda Schutz — Choir 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Softball 10; SADD 11. Susan Scott — Pep Club 11; Sunshine Society 10, officer 11, 12; Yearbook 11. Nadene Sever — Cheerleading 9, 10, 11; Honor Society 11, 12, officer 9; Softball 10.

Mike Shayotovich — Baseball 10, 11, 12; Basketball 10, statistician 11; Football 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Court (Basketball) 11; Honor Society 9; Prom Court 11; Student Council officer 9. John Sheehy — Spanish Club 10. Brian Shimley — Football 9; German Club 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10. Erin Shinabarger.

Teresa Silva — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 11; Softball 10; Spanish Club 10; Velveteens 11; Vocalteens 12; Volleyball 9, 10. Steven Simmons — Band 9, 10, 11, 12. Bill Slade — Creative Arts 10, officer 11, 12. Leigh Smith.

Penny Smith. Karen Smolnick —
Choir 9, 10; Fall Play 10; Pom poms
9, 10, 11; Spanish Club 10, 11. Larry
Soderlund. Jeff Sopczak —
Basketball 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12.



Rob Spangler. Teresa Spencer —
Volleyball manager 9, 10, 11; Spanish
Club 11, 12. Susan Spitz — Choir 9;
Honor Society 11, 12; Softball
manager 10; Softball 11, 12; Sunshine
Society 11, 12. Jeffery St. Germain
— Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball
9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Yearbook
12.



Carrole Stanik — Basketball 9; Cross
Country 12; German Club 10, 11, 12;
Honor Society 9; Orchestra 9, 10;
Powder Puff 10, 11; Track 10, 11, 12.
Biljana Stefanovic — Choir 9; French
Club 10, 11. Aleksandar Stefoski —
Basketball 9, 10; German Club 12;
Track 9, 10. Stefanie Steininger —
German Club 10; Sunshine Society
12.



Scott Stevens — Wrestling 9, 10, 11,
12. Alex Stojanovski — Band 10;
Soccer 12; Football 9, 10; Newspaper
11, 12. Linda Stoltz. Kim Stone.



Bret Storey. Lori Strong — Choir 9,
10, 11. Diane Stryczek — Basketball
9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Student
Council 9; Track 10. Ken Swift.





Jane Szymaszek. Mike Takis — Track 9, 10. Gus Tasicas — Football 10. John Tavaras — Basketball 9, 10; Football 9; German Club 10, 11, 12.

Scott Terek — Basketball manager 11, 12; Earth Science Club 10, officer 11, 12; Boys State 11; Academic Decathlon 11, 12; Honor Society 9, 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, 11, officer 12. Sandra Tharp — Basketball 10; Choir 9, 10; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Softball 10. LuAnne Thomas — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Fall Play 11; Big Sister 11; Pep Club 11, 12; Quest Club officer 11, 12; Review 10, 11, 12; Spring Play 10, 11; Velveteens 11; Vocalteens 12. Kathy Thompson — Choir 9, 10, 11; Key Club officer 11; Spanish Club 12; Newspaper 9.

Mark Thompson — Baseball 9, 10; Basketball 9; Newspaper 11, 12; Quill & Scroll 12. Tracie Thurman — FHA 11, 12; Orchestra 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12. Steve Tokarz — Band 9. Paul Allen Tomak — Chess Club 9; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Creative Arts 12; Fall Play 12; Review 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, 11; Spring Play 11; Swimming; Tennis 11; Thespians 10, 11, officer 12; Track 9, 11; Vocalteens 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 9.

Brenda Tompkins — Cross Country 10; FHA 11, officer 12; Powder Puff 11, 12. Angela Marie Traficante — Honor Society 9, 12; Pom pons 9, 10, 11; Powder Puff 10; Quill & Scroll 11, 12; Yearbook 9, 11, 12. Particia Trzaska — Choir 9; Pep Club 9. Scott Tuft.

Jerry Tyler. Robert Underwood — Basketball 9; Football 9, 10. Kathleen Urban — Earth Science Club 12. Tammy Van Scoyk — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 11, 12.

Mario Vasquez. Donna Vazquez —
Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Orchestra 9;
Powder Puff 10. Daniel P. Vespo Jr.
— Football 9, 10. Dino Vitalone.



Ron Vlasic — Football 10; Track 9.
Shawn Vowell — Football 9, 10, 11,
12. Laura Vrtikapa — Basketball 9;
Pom pons 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12;
Spanish Club 10; Track 9, 10, 11, 12;
Bosko Vulinovic — Football 9; Track
9.



John Wengel. Lisa Westcott — Band
9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12. Shelly
Westphal. Charlene Wharton.



Rich Wittmore — Chess Club 9.
Chris Wieser — Cross Country 9, 10,
11, 12; Track 10, 11, 12. Dan Wikse
— Choir 9; Honor Society 9, 11, 12;
French Club 10, 11, 12; Key Club 11,
president 12; Tennis 10, 11, 12. Diane
M. Wilk — Basketball 9; Powder Puff
12; Softball 10; Volleyball 9, 10, 11.



Matt Wilk — Football 9, 10, 11;
Wrestling 9, 10. Kimberly Winter. Al
Wirtes — Achedemic Decathlon 11;
Computer Club 9; Honor Society 9;
Newspaper 9, 11; Quill & Scroll 11,
12; Spanish Club 10; Tennis 11.
Becky Wirtz.





William Wojtyska. Darlene Ann Wood — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9. Kathy Woods — Choir 9, 10, 12; Sunshine Society 10, 12. Holly Wozniak.



Diana Wriston. John A. Yagelski — Basketball 9; Football 9, 10; Track 9. Bill Yakovetz. Ed Yonker — Swimming 11; Track 9, 10, 11.



Jill Yura — Powder Puff 12. Julie Zale — Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9, 10; Creative Arts 11, officer 12; Girls State 11; Homecoming Court (Basketball) 10; Homecoming court (Football) 12; Powder Puff 12; Prom Court 11; Spanish Club 10; Student Council 9, 12; Yearbook 12; Quill & Scroll 12. Pete Zarakas — Soccer 9, 11. Elaine Zaronis.



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Lori Zimmerman — Powder Puff 11.

Class of '86



Junior Class officers — Jim Bittner, president; Brad Curcio, vice president; Sheri Sobacki, secretary; and Susie Lax, treasurer.

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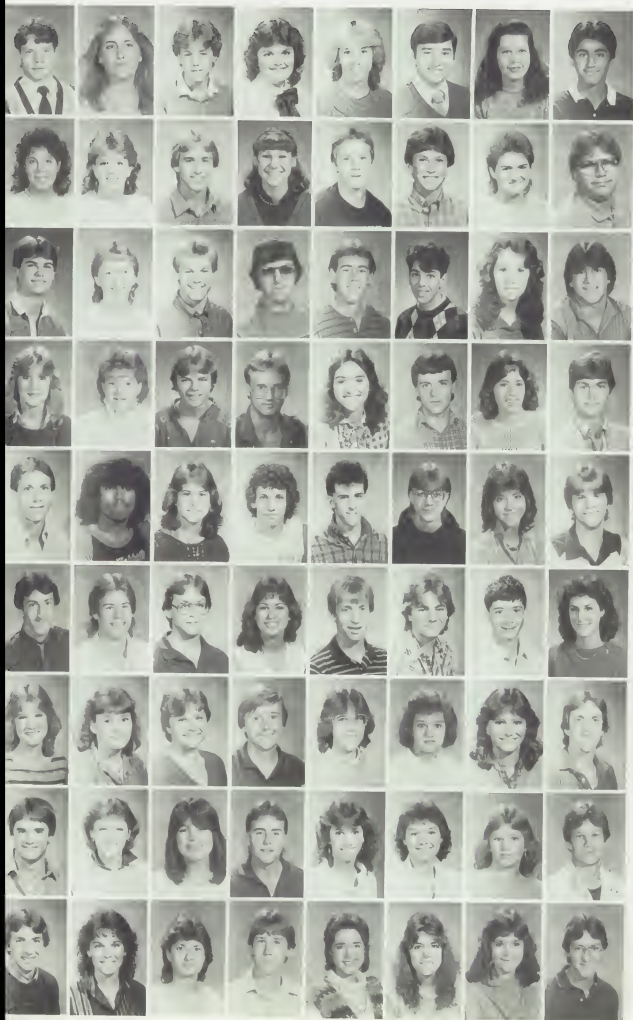
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Tim Bianco
Karen Binns
Michelle Bishop
Jim Bittner
Amy Black
Julia Blackburn
Kelly Blankinship

Ernie Bodrazic
Yvonne Boone
Beth Bowen
Laura Bova
Andre Breaull
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Michele Built
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Brenda Cookstain
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Kathi Crowder
Chris Crownover
Carlos Cruz
Coleen Cruz
Savo Cucuz
Chris Cunningham
Ken Cunningham

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Sam Dalkiic
Allen Daniel
Bill Daniel
Rich D'Asto
Eileen Dawson
Mike Dee

Mike Demakas
Tim Demmon
Paul Destefano
Marilyn Dicharia
Mike Dinatale
Mike DiPaola
Dwayne Dittoe
Ana Dobrijevic

Sheri Boeing
Claudia Doernte
Angie Donahue
John Drake
Lynn Drennan
Demi Dubowski
Karen Dudak
Don Dunn

Dave Dzwiewicki
Kara East
Donna Eaves
Tim Ellis
Linda Elsner
Tammy Erdelles
Naomi Espravnik
Dan Evans

Ken Evanyo
Diane Favretto
Bess Ferentinos
Joe Ferkull
Janet Fernandez
Cindy Feterick
Susan Filipowicz
John Flannery

Sheri Fraley
David Fryer
Lisa Funder
Shawn Gallagher
Steven Gallegos
Deanean Gallo
Tony Galoozis
Dora Garcia

John Garcia
Sue Garden
Anna Garza
Lisa Gatlin
David Gee
Melissa George
Dan Gerlach
Margie Gianikos

Jerry Gillies
Brenda Gilbota
Pete Goad
Jenny Gojmerac
Christina Gomaz
Rolando Gonzalez
Tracy Goodman
Harry Gornick

Kevin Govert
Carol Gruber
Frank Grynovich
Camli Guba
Michelle Guillen
John Guzman
Bob Gustafson
Paula Guy

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Dawn Halsey
Mark Hamilton
Pete Hebert
Rick Henrickson
Stacy Higgins
Tracy Higgins
Mary Kate Hill

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Brian Hixon
Susan Hofferber
Jonna Homella
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Dave Howorth
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Kathy Huish
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Rita Kaschak
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Kevin Kaurich
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Cheri Kelley
Kathy Kendt

Eric Keneson
Cheryl Kenney
Chris Kerulis
Lori Kidd
Jeanine Kierzkowski
Joyce Kimberling
Marylee Kincaid
Albert Kirk

Chuck Klingaman
DeeDee Knop
Tracy Koenig
Alexia Korakakis
Pam Kosaris
Karen Kostyal
Frankie Kowal
Mary Kozielski

Jim Krausnick
Brian Krecik
Carolyn Krecik
Christopher Krutz
Karen Kuchta
Walter Kutanowski
Dan Kvachkoff
Pete Lackey

Marina Lackovic
Nancy LaFoone
Anita Langbehn
Nancy Laughead
Susan Laughead
Kim Laviolette
Stacy Lawrence
Suzanne Lax

Along with the other fads of the year came a new favorite pastime of many students — Trivial Pursuit. Trivial Pursuit, a board game in which players quiz each other with obscure, bizarre, and often humorous questions, has gained a lot of popularity during the last year.

ing game in which people call in and answer Trivial Pursuit questions for prizes. Even a magazine, "Today's Trivia", has been published which consists only of trivial questions and answers.

Trivial Pursuit has every ingredient that most good games have: it's challenging, it's

Trivia: Bizarre but challenging

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Mike Demakas, junior, said, "You really learn a lot of interesting things that you otherwise wouldn't know, but it sometimes makes you feel unintelligent."

Rusty Ippiloto, junior, added, "I enjoy playing it in the evening with my friends." Indeed, it is a popular pastime for quite a few people. The game is so popular that many spinoffs have arisen in many different forms.

The Loop, radio station WLUP, has an even-

fun, and it tests a person's knowledge. Yet, as with all fads, it faces the test of time, and its future is uncertain.

John Sierkowski, junior, summed it up as being "just like disco music, valley girls, and Pac-Man. They all went out of style, and unfortunately, Trivial Pursuit seems to be taking the same downhill path."

— Linda Elsner

Katherine Lear
Jeff Lee
Nicole Lee
Steve Leka
Fernando Leon
LeoRoy Leon
Brian Lepley
Rich Lesniak



Lynette Levenson
Mike Lisch
James Lisek
Kevin Lockridge
Angela Lopez
Gwyn Lopez
Mark Lucus
Mike Luczak



Viola Luttinen
Christie Lynn
Tom Magiera
David Nagy
Brian Majcher
Kathy Maloney
Sandra Manis
Michelle Marovich



John Marson
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Roger Massey
Tami Massow
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Pat McCoy
Robert McGuckin



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Caesar Merced
Diane Metcalf
Pete Metlov
Tom Midgett
John Mikulchik
Jason Mikulka
Terry Miller



Peer pressure: a never ending battle

Many people today just want to be part of the "in crowd". In order to feel a part of this crowd, they ignore their conscience and give in to peer pressure.

When your friends start saying, "You only live once," "I dare you, just do it," "C'mon, everybody's doing it," "Don't be afraid, just try it you might like it." But, you start thinking, "Maybe I better at least try it so they don't think I'm a chicken or not cool." This is called peer pressure.

"Personally, I feel I have the willpower to do my own thing. I am not affected by peer pressure," commented Mary Ann Vilaneuva, junior.

Dan Kvachkoff, junior, replied, "I think peer pressure is just an excuse for doing

something you know you're not suppose to do. I don't use it."

Coming from the junior high to MHS is a major step for sophomores. Sometimes trying to establish yourself as "cool" or "some-

bigger part of our life. In order to keep them, we begin to think that we have to do everything they want us to do," replied Nancy LaFoone, junior.

Peer pressure is not always negative. Frank O'Shea, dean of students, stated, "Peer student's performance in the classroom by competing with other students for the better grades."

Peer pressure may not always be someone telling you something to do. It sometimes decides the clothes you wear, the way you talk, and the places you go. Peer pressure is a never ending battle for many teenagers.

— Karen Dudak

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body" may lead to being influenced by peer pressure.

Renee Mishler, sophomore, stated, "At MHS, everyone respects your decisions. I felt more peer pressure at Harrison than I do at MHS."

"As we grow older, and enter MHS, we try to make more friends. They become an even



Erik Miner
Michelle Mitchell
Lisa Modrak
Jackie Mothtamed
George Mohoi
Kenny Moore
Sue Moore
Mary Moriarty

Pam Morris
Kathline Murphy
Lee Musser
Marcia Naumoski
Lisa Neis
Brian Newman
Carol Newman
Bob Nicksic

Darlene Novreske
Dusti Nunley
Tim O'Shea
Lisa Olejnik
Cheryll Oleska
Mike Ortiz
Nancy Otano
Rick Otano

Scott Otterbacher
Robin Owen
David Padgett
Anthi Papagiannis
Robert Parpart
Bill Parsons
Jeff Pastor
George Pavel

Andy Pavlopoulos
Robert Pavot
Karen Pearson
Christine Perez
Lori Petterson
Lisa Petroff
Neil Petroff
Fred Petsails

Trisha Phillips
Steve Plasczyn
Jill Pierce
Joe Pluchinsky
Bryan Popa
George Poponas
Brian Portlock
Vakis Potamianos

Shirley Price
Scott Pruitt
Christine Psaros
John Rachford
Dan Raehl
Mike Randall
Dianna Randhan
Candace Rathjen

Carrie Regan
James Rey
Jeff Rey
Kris Reynolds
David Rhymer
John Rhymer
Sheryl Riddle
Rosemary Rivera

Mark Riese
Brian Riley
John Ring
Greg Risner
Donald Rodgers
Mark Robinson
Oscar Rodriguez
Kari Rondinelli

Boredom often strikes at school, home

Many MHS students used their creativity to relieve boredom. Yvette Savich, senior, said, "I draw when I lose interest in school work."

Other students feel that there is no way to prevent boredom. Andre Dubois, senior, stated, "There isn't much you can do about the monotony of school."

Still others add to their social life during school. Kristi Wright and Linda Wszolek, juniors, said, "Writing notes is a good way to relieve boredom."

Students experience boredom at home also. Yet most MHS students agreed that it is easier to deal with.

Shelley Barkasi, senior, said, "When I get bored at home, I go to someone else's house."

Wszolek, junior, added, "I talk on the phone when there is nothing else to do."

added a WMET sticker and an IU sticker to liven my locker up."

Many MHS students have their bedrooms designed in a likeness to their lockers. Tina Wriston, junior, said, "Both my room and locker are decorated with soap and movie stars to light up the day."

Others avoid a boring environment by adding a few moments. Bill Paige, senior, said, "Other than being covered with clothes, I have pencil drawings of a beach from North Carolina in my room."

— Angie Traficante

"Both my room and locker are decorated with soap and movie stars to light up the day."

Decorating lockers adds some life to the drab colored steel. Julie Fratzke, senior, said, "My locker's covered with guys from QQ magazine to add a little color."

Some students became bored with their lockers. They needed improvement from such a bare state. Bill Paige, senior, said, "I

Tim Rouhselang
Mark Runholt
George Santiago
Jose Santos
Scott Sapper
Paul Santos
Chris Sarantis
Mike Scheffer



Tracy Schneider
Tracy Schuck
David Scott
Rhonda Sebo
John Sekulski
Chris Shay
Lori Shinovich
Rick Shirey



Michelle Sikulka
Brian Singer
Michelle Slupczynski
Laury Smith
Ron Smith
Tracy Smolar
Chris Sobczak
Sheri Sohacki



Stephanie Soltis
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Lori Spradley
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Paul Stefanelli

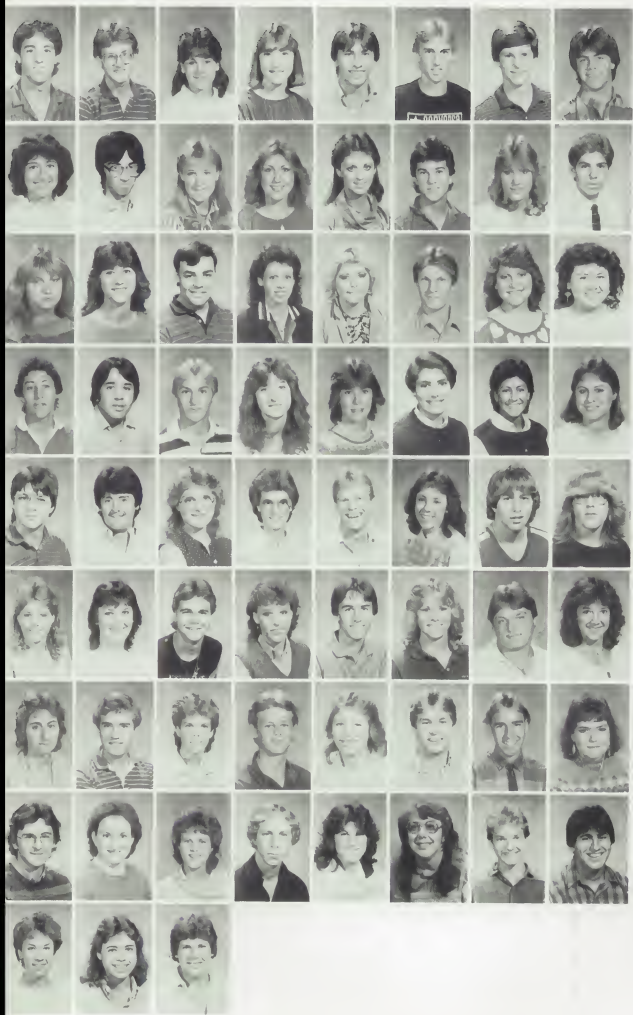


John Steiner
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Amy Stooksbury
Joe Sukta
John Sukta
Dan Sullivan



Tim Sullivan
Fred Summers
Mike Swinson
Curt Sylwestrowicz
Deno Tants
Keith Tarchala
Jean Tasicas
Mark Tesanovich





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Randy Thompson
Tina Thurman
Lisa Tidwell
Chuck Tipton
Chris Tobias
Brian Tomb
Jeff Tomb

Diane Torres
John Torres
Michelle Traber
Kelly Travis
Wendy Troxel
Paul Trpkovski
Rhonda Trullt
Dan Tsataros

Chrystal Turner
Lisa Turnipseed
Kevin Urbanczyk
Kerry Ut Patel
Adreanne Uzelac
Brian Valiese
Cheryl Vana
Elizabeth Varela

Steve Vargas
Rene Vasquez
Jeff Vendl
Joeleen Vician
Tiffany Vigland
Chris Villaire
Mary Ann Villanueva
Adrienne Viramontes

Tom Vlasic
George Vulinovic
Joanne Waldrop
Linda Walsh
Jeff Warren
Elizabeth Weger
Bill Wheat
Corie Wilcox

Pamela Wilczynski
Tamara Williams
Jason Wilson
Karen Wilson
Bob Wiltfong
Sue Winovich
Brian Wirtz
Cassandra Wojcik

Kristine Wojkovich
Jeff Wright
Kristen Wright
Robert Wright
Tina Wriston
Randy Wyllie
Mike Yakubec
Georgine Yandris

John Yerga
Heidi Yonker
Sheila Yonker
Randy Young
Donna Zaikos
Beth Zandstra
Tony Zaradich
Mike Zaronias

Kris Zimnawoda
Sheri Zinkovich
Jeff Zurawski

Chris Abel
Milan Adamovic
Margie Aeschliman
Marie Anaya
Kim Anderson
Mike Arena
Cris Arevalo
Alta Balog



David Balog
Eric Ban
Greg Banzen
Rich Barandela
Ron Barandela
Tammy Barkauskas
Darren Bartelt
Matt Beeler



Connie Belshaw
David Benson
Wayne Bernoska
Pamela Bernstein
Susie Bills
Melissa Bishop
Danielle Bradach
Mark Brewer



SOPHOMORES

Class of 87

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by the Sophomore Class in the fall.



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Will Brice
Glynn Bricker
Doug Brown
Liz Budner
Kelly Burke
Billy Burn

Michael Burns
Russ Cain
Calvin Catren
Giuseppina Cammarata
Patty Canchola
Cindy Carlotta
Tammy Carlotta
Chris Carlson

Curt Chadd
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Groups of them can be seen huddled together outside every weekday morning trying to keep warm in the winter and contemplating hooky in the spring.

A few may have that hazy look in their eyes as if to say "What time is it?" or "Why am I out here?". Who are they? Milkmen? Early morning joggers?

No, they are some of the many MHS students who ride the bus to and from school each day.

"Not enough room."

"Too late."

can do some homework and relax before I have to start thinking about the day ahead," remarked Tina Wriston, junior.

Karen Wilson, junior, added that the ride to school is an opportunity to socialize. "I usually just talk to my friends and catch up on what's been happening with them," she said.

The morning ride to school also serves as a final wake up time for many students. "The only good thing about the ride to school on the bus," commented Jennifer Cantu, junior, "is that it gives me a little time to wake up before I have to face first hour."

"I try to avoid riding the bus whenever possible, but when I have no choice, I just sit back and hope that this ride won't last as long as the last one."

"Too early."

And not to mention, "too noisy," are some of the common complaints that MHS students have about our buses.

Mary Kate Hill, junior, commented, "I hate getting up so early in the morning and standing in the cold."

Karen Eyrich, senior, added, "The buses are too crowded, and it's impossible to carry on a conversation without screaming!"

Most students agree that the buses do have their good points. "On the way to school, I

Randy Wyllie, junior, summed up the feelings of most MHS bus riders when he said, "I try to avoid riding the bus whenever possible, but when I have no choice, I just sit back and hope that this ride won't last as long as the last one."

So, while we all would rather have parents buy us that sporty, red Porsche or even a beat up old Chevy, we usually end up settling for a ride on "The Big Yellow Limo."

— Kris Zimnawoda

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'Fearless' MHS students reveal phobias

Behind the tough fearless exteriors of some MHS students, are the insecurities of a child. Are you afraid of the dark?

Do you walk up three flights of stairs just to avoid the limited room provided in an elevator?

If you answered yes to either of these questions, you could have a phobia.

A phobia is an intense fear of something which actually presents no real threat. There are many types of phobias, ranging from mysophobia (fear of germs), to acrophobia (fear of heights). There is even a phobia pertaining to peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth. This type is called arachibutyrophobia.

Sonya Hytche, senior, confessed that she's afraid of dogs, "I'm afraid of the big dogs, but

little ones don't scare me as much."

Vera Angeloff, senior, explained about her fear of crossing bridges (gephyrophobia). "Whenever I go over bridges, I hold my breath until we're off."

nicky commented, "they make me feel boxed in." She may have ocholophobia, fear of big crowds.

Benay Kirk, senior, and Mike Sever, sophomore, both admit that they are afraid of the dark (nyctophobia).

If you avoid going to the dentist because it may hurt, you could have algophobia (fear of pain).

If you are afraid that you'll blush when giving a speech, you could have

"I don't like being surrounded by a lot of people; they make me feel boxed in."

Some people are even afraid of writing. Tom Midgett, junior, said, "I get nervous when I have to write a paper in English class." This phobia is known as eragasiophobia.

Even though Karen Smolnick, senior, is outgoing, she's afraid of crowds. "I don't like being surrounded by a lot of people," Smol-

erythrophobia.

On Friday the thirteenth, you could have triskedekaphobia (fear of the number 13).

And if you are afraid of anything that moves, or doesn't move, you could have pantaphobia (fear of everything).

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Foreign students 'exchange' their cultures

As the school doors opened for the first time, many students had doubtful feelings of what to expect, especially the new foreign students.

While each had nervous expectations, all three seemed to like Merrillville. Taru Anneli Niemi, senior from Finland stated, "American people are more open and friendly." She also said that "the teachers here want to help more and are more interested in you."

Pekka Lintinen is a senior also from Finland. "Whoever you are," Pekka stated about American students, "they just talk to you. It doesn't matter who you are; they just ask how are you."

When talking about teachers, Pekka said, "In Finland, the teacher discusses to you, you read the book, and then take the test."

The only exchange student from Germany, Claudia Doernte, junior, said, "German students are more serious than Americans, which doesn't make for much fun." Claudia

also agreed, "The teachers here put in a lot of their free time, and they care more."

After the week of school is over, each weekend has something new and exciting to

tween cultures. People are similar all over the world."

Also Isabelle Zezovski, senior, stated "I have Claudia and Taru in my French class, and I've learned about the ways of their teenage life."

Chuck Tipton, junior, said, "I've learned mainly that Taru is like everyone else, except she talks differently."

Finally, Nancy LaFoone, junior, stated, "Most of all, I've probably learned what a special person it takes to come to a different country and adapt so well like Claudia has."

When all three students finish their schooling here, they will have two more years of high school until graduation. For Taru and Pekka, who are sponsored by the Youth for Understanding Organization, and Claudia, who is sponsored by the American Scandinavian Student Exchange Program, their stay in the United States and at MHS will never be forgotten.

— Kara East

**"You learn the differences between cultures.
People are similar all over the world."**

offer. Taru said, "I like seeing new people and new places. I especially love your food!" Claudia added, with a big smile, "I think Wendy's has the best cheesburgers!"

On the other hand, Pekka does not like some things including our "Broadway". In Finland, most of the people walk to wherever they are going. In America, Pekka said, "you take a car everywhere whether it is 100 yards or not."

While being in a new country and school, it is certain that these students learn from us. But do we learn anything from them?

A member of a host family, Kathy Woods, senior, said "You learn the differences be-

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Video craze 'rocks' MHS

Rock videos are beginning to be the favorite pastime for most teenagers. Sue Metros, senior, said "Videos have been growing in popularity since the beginning of the Michael Jackson craze."

Videos are ranging from pop music to country music. However, pop videos are "the most prominent of the two". Some of the best vid-

sophomore, thinks that WFBM's is the best video channel. "They play all the best videos, and you can always turn to channel 66 when there's nothing else on T.V.," she said.

Not only are rock videos shown on television, they also can be purchased or rented from video stores. Many video cassettes combine two or three popular songs and place

"Videos have been growing since the beginning of the Michael Jackson craze."

eos, according to Barb Rassbach, sophomore, are made by "ZZ Top, The Pretenders, and Billy Idol."

Rock videos are thought to be expensive to make. One of them is Michael Jackson's, "Thriller". It cost approximately one million dollars. An exception to this is Van Halen's video, "Jump". They proved that a rock vid-

them on one tape.

Rock videos usually pertain to the song. The characters act out the words and sometimes tell a story. Others are not always that easy to understand. "Laura Branigan's video 'Self Control' does not relate to the words in the song," stated Natalie Coyle, senior.

Furthermore, videos have become a favor-

"They play all the best videos, and you can always turn to channel 66 when there's nothing else on T.V."

eo could be made cheap and still be popular. As stated by Rich Dyman, senior, "Van Halen proved with 'Jump' that a popular video could still be made without a lot of money."

Some of the best video shows are MTV, MV60, Rock on Chicago and, the most favorite, WFBM channel 66. WFBM shows videos continually 20 hours a day. Shelley Metros,

ite pastime among teenagers today and as stated by Tom Papadopoulos, senior, "They will continue to be entertaining in the future."

— Rich Hernandez



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Juggling leisure time after school

Suddenly the halls are crowded with people.

Everyone is going in different directions. Some walk slowly with duffle bags in their hands, while others are making a vast effort to be the first ones to get out the doors.

Some students have the hassle of trying to fit everything in their after school schedule, so they have little time to relax. Steve Micheal, senior, said, "During football season I have practice, but once football ends I start working again."

Andre Dubois, senior, has the task of dividing his after school time to accommodate his

needs. "Three out of five school days I work, so by the time I get home, I have 5 to 10 minutes to shove something down my face and go to work. The other days I stay after

Pam Young, sophomore, said "I like to talk on the phone to friends for numerous hours at a time."

"I go home, watch Fred Flintstone, and crash, only to wake up three hours later to a pile of homework," commented Robin O'Deen, senior.

By 11 p.m., most of the students have accomplished, or at least tried to accomplish, their tasks for the day. Some of them may not have had time to finish their homework because of their hectic schedule, while others simply didn't have the desire.

— Julie Zale

"I go home, watch Fred Flintstone, and crash only to wake up three hours later to a pile of homework."

school and do my conditioning for wrestling."

Other students tend to spend the rest of their day leisurely doing homework, talking to friends on the phone, or relaxing by the television.

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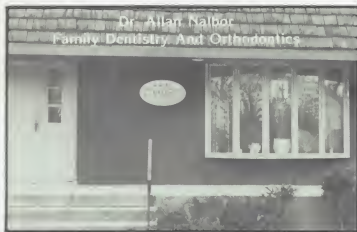
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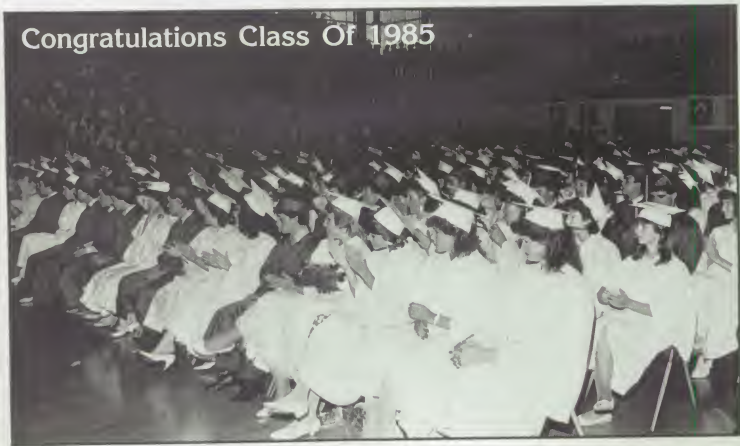
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WINNING

It's All Here!

The end of the year approached and students were ready for summer. And many students participated in spring sports to occupy their time.

Baseball, soccer, softball, track, boys golf and girls tennis were the activities provided. The girl's tennis team won their sectional and were undefeated during the season.

Also, undefeated was the girl's softball team. The boy's track team had a successful season and qualified three of it's members for the state meet. Mike Demakis qualified in the long jump, Brad Curcio qualified in the hurdles and senior Neil Eubank won the state title in the shot put.

In addition to sports, juniors and sophomores were winners as they planned their schedules for next year.

As tension built and anxiety rose, seniors looked forward to "winning" their diplomas.

Karen Ector, senior commented happily, "I'm glad to have been a part of the class of '85 and to have been able to say It's all here!"





After Commencement, Bryan McKay, sophomore, gives sister Karen McKay, senior, a congratulations hug. Commencement was on June 7 in Englehart gymnasium.

Karen Dudak, junior, and her dad dance together at Daddy Date Night. Student Council sponsored the dance.

Marco Perez, senior, fights for control of the ball against Munster. The soccer team finished the season 6-6.

Paul Schuyler, principal, explains senior week activities to students in Government and Economics classes. Mr. Schuyler left MHS at the end of the year as he accepted a new position.

*Tracy Schneider, junior, enjoys studying outside.
Final exams were on June 5 and 6.*

*Jerry Miller, sophomore, studies intensely in his
Modern World History class. Warm weather in May
made studying difficult in many classrooms.*



*Rhonda Sebo, sophomore, Brian Reeves, senior,
Randy Renner, senior, and his guest, take a break
from the dance floor at Prom. "We've Got Tonight"
was the theme for the 1985 Prom.*

*Robbie Schultz, sophomore, and Steve Pushka,
sophomore, plan their junior year at arena
scheduling. Arena scheduling is one of the most
hectic activities at MHS.*



LEARNING

It's All Here!



MHS: It's All Here, and the 1984-85 school year proved that to the students, the faculty, the parents and the community.

The year began with bus and car loads full of ambitious students all willing and able to learn.

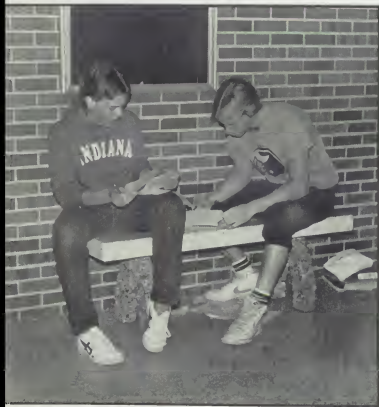
"I feel learning the material in class is the most important part of a successful high school career," explained Scott Terek, senior.

A variety of classes are offered at MHS. College prep, home economics, business and shop are a few classes available to students.

"Taking shop classes will help me with my future career," added Jim Crim, senior.

The Academic Decathlon Team had a successful year, and they defeated many schools in the state to qualify for national competition.

"The trip to California was very rewarding for the team," explained Paul Schuyler, principal. "It was something they worked hard for throughout the year."



MHS

It's All Here!

Students await outside for their buses or their parents after a long day of school. The last day for all students was June 7.

Ward Selmayer, sophomore, gives a "I had a great game" signal. This year's theme "It's all Here" was reflected through all the changes and additions to MHS's curriculum and activities we all experienced. Whether you excelled in academics, sports or socializing, it was all here.







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